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Agawam Co-Ed Meets Margaret Thatcher



LISA REVERUZZI (second from left), a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School and now a sophomore majoring in travel and tourism at Bay Path College, assisted in coordinating the special presentation "Challenges Facing The 21st Century" with former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher as guest speaker. The event was sponsored by Bay Path College where Lisa worked this past summer in the Admissions Department. Lisa is the daughter of Jim & Pat Reveruzzi of Agawam. From left - Dr. Carol A. Leary, Bay Path President, Lisa Reveruzzi, Margaret Thatcher, Sharon DeCesare, and Rachel Labrie.



FRANK PALANGE, president of V&F Auto Service, and his wife, Sheila, are pleased to be supporting the Agawam Public Schools. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Open Pantry Site At F.H. Congregational...



ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new satellite site at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Among those in attendance were Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Jennifer Cummings, Executive Director of the Open Pantry. (See related story and additional photos in "Church" section.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

V&F Auto To Help "Keep Education Rolling" In Agawam

An Agawam auto service company will soon be working hand-in-hand with the Agawam School Department to "Keep Education Rolling" in the community.

Frank Palange, president of V&F Auto Service, located at 443 Springfield Street, recently announced that by simply bringing your vehicle into his shop for upkeep and repairs, two percent of the total cost of each job will be sent directly back to the Agawam Schools to assist and enhance the educational process here.

"We wanted to do more for the community and through this program, we will be doing our part for education in Agawam," Palange told us.

"These days, we hear a lot about the problem of how to get enough money to support our children's education. People talk about raising taxes or legalizing gambling to help education. We at V&F Auto Service would like to offer townspeople another way to raise additional funds to help your schools, one we think you will like because you can help the schools by using money you are already spending. We all know that the maintenance and upkeep of an automobile is important and occasionally expensive. By coming to V&F Auto, we will not only keep your car rolling along, but keep education in Agawam rolling

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FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Fire Safety Tips For Senior Citizens

If you are age 65 or older, you are your own best insurance against fire and burn injuries. Fire safety isn't just for children because (like children) older Americans are at a greater risk of being injured or killed from fires or burn injuries than other adults. The Agawam Fire Department encourages you to take some time to look for and correct fire hazards around your home.

Make sure you have at least one working smoke detector on each level of your home. They should be tested once a month, and the battery should be changed annually.

Have an escape plan. Know two ways out of every room in case fire or smoke block one way out. Remember, during a fire the breathable air is close to the floor, so crawl low under smoke. Once you get out, stay out and call the fire department (911) from a neighbor's. Keep your glasses and a flashlight by your bed.

If you smoke or have smokers in your home, extra precautions should be taken. Each year careless smoking is a major cause of fires. A lit cigarette that falls onto a bed or sofa can smoulder for hours. You should never smoke in bed or when lying down.

Make sure large, deep ashtrays are used and

that all smoking materials have been extinguished completely. Dispose of butts in a metal container or douse with water before emptying into a trash can.

The kitchen is another area that can be very dangerous if certain precautions are not followed. Make sure your stove is clean and free of grease build-up. Keep flammables, such as towels and pot holders, away from the stove and oven.

Turn pot handles away from the front of the stove so they won't be knocked off or pulled down. If you're called away from the kitchen during food preparation, turn all burners off. If you have a stove fire, put a lid on it, turn off the heat, and let it cool.

Many fires are caused by home heating. You should have your heating system checked annually by a qualified professional. If you use portable electric or kerosene heaters, make sure they have at least three feet of clearance around them while in operation and always follow the manufacturer's instructions for their use.

Make sure you've insured your safety at home by knowing what to do in case of a fire. Contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662 if you have any questions or need more information.

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along as well," Palange said.

Indeed, V&F Auto Service has gained the reputation of offering state-of-the-art equipment and highly-trained technicians who are committed to serving their customers professionally and at a reasonable cost.

Auto repairs are always a sore subject, but are a basic necessity of life. This can become a bit less painful, however, in the knowledge that a portion (two percent) of the total cost of the parts and labor will be sent directly back to the Agawam Schools.

Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest immediately endorsed the program when approached by Palange several weeks ago. Moreover, the program does not require much effort on the part of school personnel and volunteers. V&F will be sending a flyer home with the children within the next week or two further explaining how easy the program works.

"Parents, grandparents, and friends only need

to mention that they want to support the Agawam Schools before we close their work order so we can track it. We will provide regular updates to Mr. Charest to let him know how things are going," Palange said.

V&F Auto Service already participates in a weekly program at Agawam High School sponsored by the *Springfield Union News* where V&F pays for a newspaper to be used at the school each and every Wednesday during the year.

"This program started our interest in the schools and we thought that our 'Keep Education Rolling' program would be another long-term way for us to provide something to the Agawam Schools for many years to come."

For further information on this program, call Frank Palange at V&F Auto (789-2181), Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. V&F uses quality CARQUEST Auto Parts in their daily, stated goal of "making your automobile repair experience friendly and successful."

Suggested Dates For Holiday Mail

The Agawam Post Office has announced the following suggested mail dates for the holiday season. Beat the last-minute rush and bring your mail to your U.S. post office or APO/FPO military post office by the following dates:

Military mail (air letters, cards, and Priority) addressed to the following should be brought to the post office by **December 3rd**: APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-097; APO/FPO AE ZIPs 098; APO/FPO AA ZIPs 340; and APO/FPO AP ZIPs.

U.S. Domestic ZIP Codes (air letters, cards, and Priority) should be brought to the post office by **December 5th**.

Parcel Airlift (PAL) and Space Available (SAM) military mail should be mailed no later than **November 21st**. Surface military mail, no later than **November 1st**.

U.S. Domestic ZIP Codes Space Available (SAM) mail should be sent no later than **December 1st**.

International mail should be sent as follows:

Africa: **December 3rd** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **October 26th** (surface); Australia/New Zealand: **December 10th** (air letters & cards), **December 3rd** (Air Parcel Post), **November 3rd** (surface); Canada: **December 14th** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **November 27th** (surface); Caribbean: **December 10th** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **November 13th** (surface).

Europe: **December 10th** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **November 13th** (surface); Far East/Southeast Asia: **December 10th** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **November 6th** (surface); Middle East: **December 10th** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **October 30th** (surface); Central & South America: **December 3rd** (air letters & cards, Air Parcel Post), **November 6th** (surface).

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THE SOLUTION:

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Attorney Scott M. Hibbert

is located in Feeding Hills at 546 Springfield Street.

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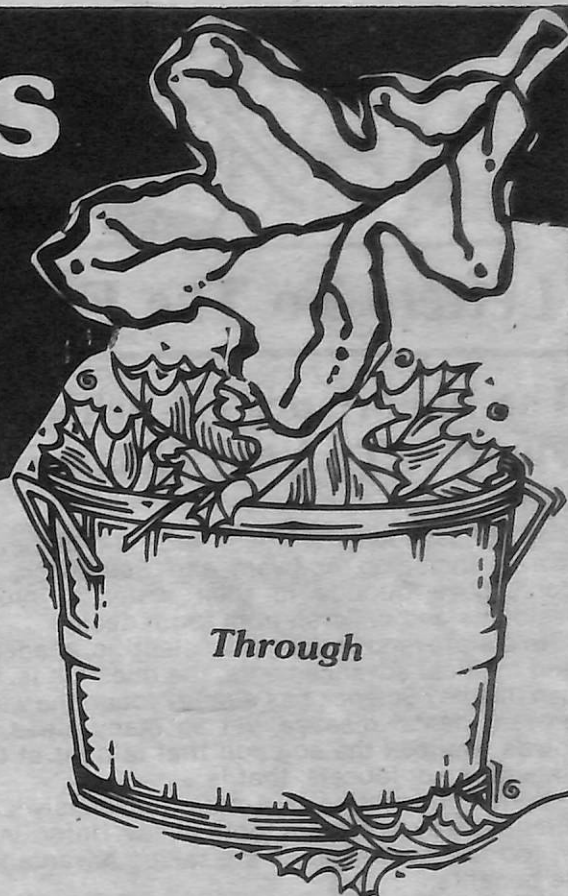
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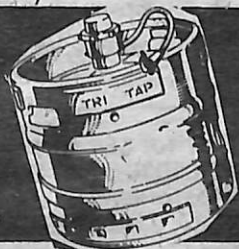
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Letters To The Editor

The Importance Of Bringing Fluoride To Your Community

To The Editor:

In Massachusetts, there are 174 cities and towns, including Agawam and Southwick, that don't have fluoride in their water to protect residents and children from tooth decay.

In a state renowned for its scientific, academic, and medical advancements, the question is, how can this be? Science has already found the way to prevent dental disease, yet so many cities and towns overlook the solution that is right at their fingertips - or faucets, that is.

Water fluoridation is a safe, inexpensive, and effective way to prevent tooth decay. Unfortunately, too few communities are taking advantage of its benefits.

What is fluoride? Fluoride is a mineral that occurs in almost all food and water supplies and comes from the element fluorine. It is all-natural and acts as nature's cavity-fighter the same way naturally-occurring drugs have produced medicines that protect human health. Water fluoridation simply adjusts the levels of naturally occurring fluoride to levels proven to provide dental protection.

Water fluoridation began in this country in 1945 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The first Massachusetts communities - Danvers, Middleton, and Templeton - began fluoridation in 1951. Since that time, fluoridation has increased to 10,000 American communities, protecting close to 145 million people in the United States, and has been endorsed by every major scientific, dental, medical, and professional health care organization in the world, including the American Dental Association, the American Medical Association, the World Health Organization, and the U.S. Public Health Service.

The fluoridation of water has been the most studied public health issue in American medical history. The result: every major scientific fluoride study conducted over more than a half century has found fluoride to be the single most effective method for preventing tooth decay. Specifically, studies show that water fluoridation results in up to 35 percent less tooth decay in adults and 60 percent less tooth decay in children. The bottom line: water fluoridation has saved generations of people, especially young children, from the pain of cavities and other dental problems, and has created no recognized side-effects.

In Massachusetts, where we pride ourselves on progressive reforms from education to healthcare, only 122 of the state's 351 cities and towns have fluoridation. Sixty-three towns have no municipal water supply to fluoridate, but there are still 174 communities that could fluoridate (eight of these are partially fluoridated and included in both numbers), yet still haven't. The failure to do so has deprived too many people from readily available benefits that mean fewer cavities, less cost, and improved oral health.

Sadly, Massachusetts ranks only 32nd in the country in the ratio of its population that has fluoridated water. Massachusetts is behind states like Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, and even the Appalachian areas of West Virginia that 25 years ago were cited as among the poorest and most disadvantaged in the United States. We wouldn't stand for this low ranking in any other area of healthcare and we shouldn't stand for it now where our teeth are concerned.

Delta Dental Plan of Massachusetts is working with groups like the Massachusetts Coalition for Oral Health, which has launched an initiative across the state to educate citizens about water fluoridation and its ability to prevent tooth decay. Expanding fluoridation is also a goal of the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, the most visible and recognized health control organization in the world. However, we will only be successful if the people in your community work with us to bring the benefits of fluoride to their area.

Now is the time to talk to your public health officials, to your political representatives, and to your neighbors to get water fluoridation on the agenda, through the pipeline, and into your homes. Every citizen deserves the right to healthy teeth.

Dr. Robert Comptom
Director of Disease Management
Delta Dental Plan of Massachusetts

Agawam Counseling Center Appreciates Volunteer Support

To The Editor:

The Agawam Counseling Center in Feeding Hills is a licensed clinic providing affordable mental health and substance abuse services to children, adolescents, and adults. On Thursday, September 10th, the tables were turned when the Agawam Counseling Center participated in the Community United Way's Fifth Annual Day of Caring.

In one short day, an unbelievable amount of much-needed maintenance for the Center was provided by 13 cheerful and hard-working volunteers from local businesses. Thanks to them, we have freshly painted public rooms and a beautiful cedar fence with landscaping.

All of the staff at the Agawam Counseling Center wants to say thank you to all of the businesses and volunteers who contributed time, materials, and labor so generously: Olympic Manufacturing, Mass Mutual, and the Springfield Marriott.

Thanks, too, to the Community United Way for sponsoring such a great opportunity for our agency to form an ever-stronger partnership with the community we serve.

Mary Frances Wall
Program Director
Agawam Counseling Center

AHS Wrestling Booster Club's Car Wash Is Success Fundraiser

To The Editor:

The Agawam High School Wrestling Booster Club wishes to thank the people and businesses that helped to make this year's car wash a tremendous success.

A special thanks goes to all the wrestlers' parents who made all the baked goods, the parents of wrestling alumni who showed up to further support this championship program, and all the town residents who stopped in to support this worthy cause.

Three in-town businesses were instrumental in assuring a successful day. These included Ed Shibley of Shibley's Point Auto Sales, John St. Germain and his staff at Agawam Motors Inc., and Sue & Joe Dempsey of Quality Auto.

Also, a special thank you to Rev. Kenneth Tatrow for allowing us the use of the Sacred Heart parking lot.

Thank you,
AHS Wrestling Booster Club
Kevin Quirk, President

Agawam Resident Comments On Clinton Controversy

To The Editor:

I would not like to be the parent of a young child now trying to explain to him or her that the President of the United States is someone whose example we should all follow.

When the President enters a room where a formal event is underway, the band plays "Hail to the Chief." Supposedly, chief of all that is exemplary; truth, high moral character, political integrity, and Commander in Chief in good standing. Nothing in the world is like it. No single Representative or Senator equals this high stature. That is why comparing their backgrounds is not in any way comparable.

Today, I could not relate the above words to our President.

At the time Clinton was elected, the public

knew about his infidelities. No other president had ever been elected under those circumstances. Thus, comparing him to past presidents is fallacious. I felt at the time and still do, that this was a big mistake. It gave him what he thought was a blank check for future infidelities. The public, therefore, bears a big responsibility for his actions.

The effort on its part to distinguish between his public and private life is indefensible. What is done in the public life is but a mirror image of the morality of the private life and both should thus be public property. By separating the two, we are opening the door to future candidates with questionable character.

I have heard so much about public opinion polls and majority opinion and politicians having to take them into great consideration in their decisions. I would like to be one of the poll-takers, for it seems to me they are running the country. Whatever happens to politicians who have the courage to lead the public, regardless of the polls? In 1860, the vast majority of the public was not in favor of freeing the slaves. It took a bloody, four-year Civil War before the majority "got it right." I hope no such cataclysm occurs now, but we need people to step forward to put morality back in the presidency.

Attacking Starr is nothing more than an updated version of "blame the messenger."

President Clinton's hypocrisy is evident in that he, for political expediency, has apologized but has instructed his attorneys to put up a vigorous defense. He's not sorry. He wants to cover himself from all angles.

Oh, yes, and one more thing. If anyone thinks oral sex is not sex, I have a large portion of the Brooklyn Bridge I'd like to sell them.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Colburn
Agawam

Storage Of Oil At Berkshire Power Is Not Necessary

To The Editor:

When over 50 percent of the voting public approved of the "gas fired" power plant during a fairly recent public referendum, a few may very well have known that oil was scheduled to be stored on premises. Only but a very few, however, realized how that oil, once stored, was intended for use.

It is true that the storage facility's already being constructed, and that the structure has been approved. Approval to build, however, does not in any way constitute approval for use. Oil need not, in this instance, ever be used. The storage facility does not have to be filled with oil. Oil is NOT the dire necessity that snake oil salesmen would have us believe. It must never be permitted.

Gas-fired plants exist that eschew the use of oil. Natural gas, after all, is in plentiful supply. Natural gas service to this area has never once been interrupted, and it shall never be. Tennessee Gas has invested entirely too much into the project to leave its natural gas needs unmet. Their delivery system is sound.

The problem for the Berkshire Power people is that our safety dampens their margin for profit. A guarantee for 365 days uninterrupted supply would cost the Berkshire Power people perhaps \$18 million more than a 335-day guarantee. Thirty days use of oil would cost them substantially less.

So what is \$18 million worth? Is it worth the creation of ozone in any quantity, however small? Is it worth more trucks, more noise pollution, and more threats to the wetlands? Is it worth the spewing of more pollutants, more sulfuric acid, and acid rain? Is it worth any risk to human life, however small?

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Are we prepared for large, noisy trucks on already busy side streets, unfamiliar with routes, braving the dangers of icing in winter months? Can we guarantee such trucks will observe constraints, obey town laws, and embrace City Council recommendations? To what new risks are we subjecting our school children, on these same streets?

One such truck exploded on West 57 approximately three years ago. Disasters happen, and yet the so-called "evacuation plan" - contrary to Ken Roberts' misrepresentation of it at a public hearing in Westfield - was an abysmal failure not yet ever corrected to meet our community's true concerns and needs.

I respectfully suggest our City Council please indefinitely table the motion, and refrain ever from entertaining it again. Let it die.

Sincerely,
Owen Broadhurst
Agawam

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, October 5, 1998 upon petition of Western Mass. Electric Company dated August 28, 1998 for permission to feed new subdivision, relocate existing pole number 25 approximately 10 feet Easterly in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 10th day of September, 1998.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871.

PETITION NO. DRG. No. 1357. STREET: Meadow Street.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Article 8, Section 8-1(b) of the Agawam Town Charter, the Agawam Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 5, 1998 at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA for the purpose of determining if the misuse of public funds has been allowed by the council and by the administration.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

Published: September 24, 1998

Addressing Concerns Of Existing Dealerships...

Town Council Makes Repairs To
New Ordinance Regarding Used Cars

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Existing used car lots will not be required to conform to the new licensing rules still being hammered out by Town Council, unless the dealers want to amend or transfer their licenses.

At Monday night's meeting, Councilor Edward A. Caba dropped his proposal to add a grandfather clause to the new ordinance governing the way used car dealers can operate their businesses (after being assured by several councilors that the new rules will apply only to new license applications or to license holders seeking to amend or transfer their licenses).

"Just about every dealer has concerns with the new ordinance," Caba said. "For the owners who have been in business, I can't see changing the rules after the game has started."

Councilor Gina Letellier suggested adding language to make it clearer that the dealers who want no changes whatsoever in their licenses will not need to make any changes under the new rules.

Critical of the new rules proposal, several used car dealers questioned the need to revamp the rules they have been governed by for the past 11 years and questioned whether the new rules will be in the town's best interest.

Used car dealer Arthur LaFleur said the new rules for determining the number of cars each dealer can have for sale on their lots will result in more cars on most lots.

"I still can't see how this ordinance is in the best interest of the town," LaFleur said. "I've looked around and there are lots that will take a few more cars and there are lots that will take a lot more cars. We could have 100 to 200 more cars (for sale) in Agawam."

New Ordinance Tabled...

After nearly six months of fine-tuning by three council sub-committees to incorporate the suggestions of the dealers, the new ordinance was tabled until the changes approved Monday night

can be typed up and copies of the amended ordinance have been sent to both council members and the used car dealers for their scrutiny before the next council meeting.

Councilor George Bitzas said the ordinance was "more than fair," especially since the council committees have taken the dealers' comments into consideration in amending the version that passed a first reading several weeks ago.

Bitzas said the council agreed to drop the requirement for a certified plot plan, thereby saving dealers an estimated \$2,500; reduced the number of parking places set aside for customer parking; and reduced the amount of square footage required from 300 square feet to 200 square feet for each car.

In a random check of two current used car licenses to determine the number of cars currently allowed compared to the number of cars under the proposed regulations, Councilor Jill Simpson said an existing license allowing 18 cars could be amended to allow 35 cars and a second lot could jump from 52 to 70 cars.

Several amendments to the proposal were approved by the council, including changes in the penalties for violations of the law; adding language that would allow the council to require additional buffering and screening only for safety considerations; reducing the number of annual required inspections by the building department from four to two; and deleting a provision requiring appropriate screening along abutting property lines.

The proposed penalties for violations would result in a written warning for the first offense, a \$150 fine for the second offense, and a \$250 fine for the third and subsequent offenses. Originally, the ordinance called for penalties of a \$50 fine for the first violation and \$100 fines for the second and subsequent violations.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in or faxed to us on Mondays.

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From September 21st Council Meeting...

“A Piece Of The News”

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

NEW CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE REMOVAL

Town Council authorized the Mayor to enter into a new contract for solid waste removal that could save the town an estimated \$335,000 over the next five years.

In a unanimous vote, Town Council approved a proposal to enter into a contract for trash removal with **eco/Springfield, LLC**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Energy Answers Corporation, paving the way for the Albany-based firm to purchase the trash incinerator on Bondi's Island from Springfield Resource Recovery Limited Partnership (SRRI).

In a memo sent to the council earlier this month, Mayor **Christopher C. Johnson** said the sale of the trash incinerator will result in a savings for Agawam of an estimated \$335,000 over the next five years, in addition to an incentive payment of \$191,261 from the Albany firm upon their acquisition of the facility.

Johnson said the sale of the trash incinerator will benefit the town because it will result in the elimination of the guaranteed annual tonnage requirements of the town's contract with SRRI.

Also, under the terms of the new contract, Johnson said the town's potential financial exposure to pass-through costs based on changes in solid waste disposal laws will be reduced; the town will pay only for the waste it delivers according to a simplified contract with defined tipping fees (without paying a penalty for failing to deliver a guaranteed tonnage); and the town will have the security of a performance bond to guarantee the new owners' performance.

In order for the sale to go through, the 10 communities currently under contract to SRRI had to enter into new solid waste contracts with **eco/Springfield**. With the council's Monday night vote, Agawam joined the other nine communities being served by SRRI in approving the sale of the trash incinerator.

ZONING ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING

Council President **Donald M. Rheault** announced an organizational meeting of the Zoning Advisory Task Force will be held on Monday, September 28th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library.

Rheault said he will join Mayor Johnson in opening remarks before the group begins discussions of the zoning recodification process, the hiring of consultant services, and setting up a schedule of meetings.

The task force is a mix of elected and appointed town officials, community representatives, and

Chamber of Commerce representatives.

Task force members are Director of Planning and Community Development **Deborah Dachos**; Building Inspector **Dominic Urbinati**; Town Councilors **Gina Letellier** and **Robert Young**; Board of Appeals Chairman **Ronald Hebert**; Planning Board member **Edward Shibley, Jr.**; Conservation Commission member **Mark Siegars**; community representatives Attorney **Anthony Bonavita** and former Building Inspector **Joseph Conte**; and Chamber of Commerce representatives **Mark Hellstein** and **Brad Thorpe**.

VETERANS' COUNCIL NEWS

The council was unanimous in reappointing **Jay O'Sullivan** of B1 Elizabeth Manor, Agawam, and **Edward A. Kellogg** of 173 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, to the Agawam Veterans' Council for terms expiring on April 1, 2000.

The council was also unanimous in okaying the second and third readings of an ordinance upping the number of members on the Veterans' Council from five to seven.

REWRITING TOWN'S PERSONNEL ORDINANCE

With no discussion, the council gave unanimous support to the first reading of an ordinance to rewrite the personnel ordinance of the town.

The ordinance had been sent to the council at the end of July by Mayor Johnson and was sent to the ordinance committee earlier this month for their review.

Robert Magovern, Town Council Vice-President and Ordinance Committee Chairman, said the measure was intended to clear up conflicts in the personnel ordinance resulting from the change in government from town manager to mayor in 1989.

According to Johnson, the most significant impact of the change in the form of town government, relating to personnel, is that the mayor is elected by the people and vested with the executive powers of the town, given general supervision and direction over all town agencies and the power of appointment, while the manager was appointed and supervised by the council.

Also, since the last revision of the personnel ordinance, conflicts between the personnel ordinance and the provisions of collective bargaining agreements have been created.

Johnson said the new ordinance will remove the conflicts, simplify the personnel ordinance, and contain a revised listing and revised pay scales for positions which are not part of a bargaining unit.

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Offer Proposed To Agawam Planners...

Cell Tower Mistake Could Benefit Town Beautification Efforts

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

A 26-foot mistake in siting a cell phone tower could benefit town beautification efforts by as much as \$33,000, if town planners agree to a mitigation offer rather than force the dismantling and relocation of the nearly completed monopole structure and concrete foundation on Main Street.

At last week's Planning Board meeting, Unisite representative Peter C. Goutos said it would cost the company \$43,000 to move the tower 26 feet to the location approved by the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Conservation Commission. But, the company is offering to donate an estimated \$13,000 in savings from their landscaping budget, as well as an additional \$20,000 to a fund that will be used for educational, recreational, or beautification projects approved by the town in exchange for Planning Board approval of a revised site plan.

Board member Edward Shibley said he was not ready to vote on the proposal until he had enough time to look over the figures in the mitigation offer to ensure the town is getting the best possible offer.

Also, Shibley proposed setting up a sub-committee of Planning Board and Conservation Commission members to decide how the money should be spent, if the Planning Board approves a revised site plan.

Planning Board members put off voting on the proposal until the company submits a plan in writing, with a specific dollar amount, for the town attorney to consider any legal ramifications of the plan, and until the Conservation Commission meets to discuss the possibility that moving the tower could have more negative impacts on the wetlands located on the site than leaving the tower in place.

Photos Show Slight Difference In Visual Impact

Unisite representatives displayed nearly identical computer-simulated photographs showing a slight difference in the visual impact on Main Street if the tower is completed in its present location, and if the tower is moved 26 feet further back on the site.

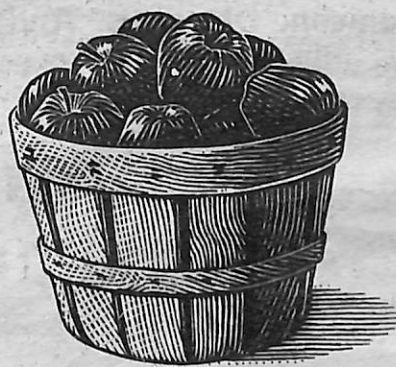
Board member Dennis Hopkins told two neighbors of the site, "I don't think moving the tower back is going to make much difference in what you're going to see."

A month ago, representatives of Unisite admitted the tower was mistakenly erected 26 feet from the location approved by both the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission last spring. The firm offered to plant more and larger trees to screen the site in order to lessen the visual impact on the area and to replace three trees mistakenly cut down.

Although taking responsibility for correcting the error, Unisite officials blamed the blunder on Omnipoint Communications, Inc., the original developers of the cell phone tower, for failing to move surveyors' stakes (even those the exact location on the 1804 Main Street site was changed three times during the permitting process).

Previous company claims that they were losing millions in lost revenues while work on the tower is delayed were brushed aside by the board.

"If they were losing millions, they'd have moved the tower by now," according to Hopkins.



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Robert A. Magovern Announces Candidacy For Massachusetts Governor's Council

Robert A. Magovern, Agawam Council Vice-President, has announced his candidacy for the Governor's Council.

A native of the town of Agawam and a graduate of Boston University, he is active in many community and civic organizations. Magovern serves on a number of advisory boards, including as a trustee of Westfield State College.

The Governor's or Executive Council that dates back to colonial days was designed to give the colonist a voice in how the Massachusetts Bay Colony was governed. With a strong interest in history, Magovern recognizes that we are best governed by the people, not the politicians.

Working towards a common sense government, Magovern continuously examines the important issues that face Massachusetts such as education, economic development, crime, welfare reform, conservation of natural resources, and senior services.

When asked about his decision to run, Magovern stated, "The Governor's Council is one of the least understood yet one of the most crucially important elected constitutional offices."

This advisory council meets in continuous session 52 weeks per year and, after the end of the legislative session, the council is the only popularly elected deliberative body which remains in session to serve the people of Massachusetts.

Magovern states, "If elected, I will promote a streamlining of the appointment process. I would ultimately advocate for a lessened focus on the political dynamics and place more emphasis on finding individuals with a sound understanding of

the legal process and a desire to fairly administer and oversee the litigation process."

As one of eight councilors, Magovern would ask the questions that would make a difference. "After 27 years, our district needs new leadership on the Governor's Council. As spokesperson for the people of Western Massachusetts, I would, with energy and focus, promote a more skillful and affirmative approach to the issues such as the confirmations of appointments by the Governor, veterans' appeals, legislative and judicial issues, State Department extra work orders, and warrants for the payment of bills of the Commonwealth.

"I will be in touch with the people. I will, as a council member, provide the people with important representation with a new focus. I will be a resource the eighth district will have access to. To insure accuracy and credibility, I will be concise in my research, with special emphasis on processes having to do with criminal matters."

Magovern is challenging Edward O'Brien of the eighth district, a 27-year incumbent.

"My father was born in Ireland and came to this country as a teenager. He left school in the eighth grade and went to work. He raised five children, sent them all to college, and developed a successful business. He taught me that you can make a difference if you have faith in yourself and are willing to go the distance.

"I will bring the necessary leadership to the Governor's Council that can make a difference for this district and the State of Massachusetts as a whole."

Magovern and his wife, Margaret, reside in Agawam. He has two children, Carrie and Jim.



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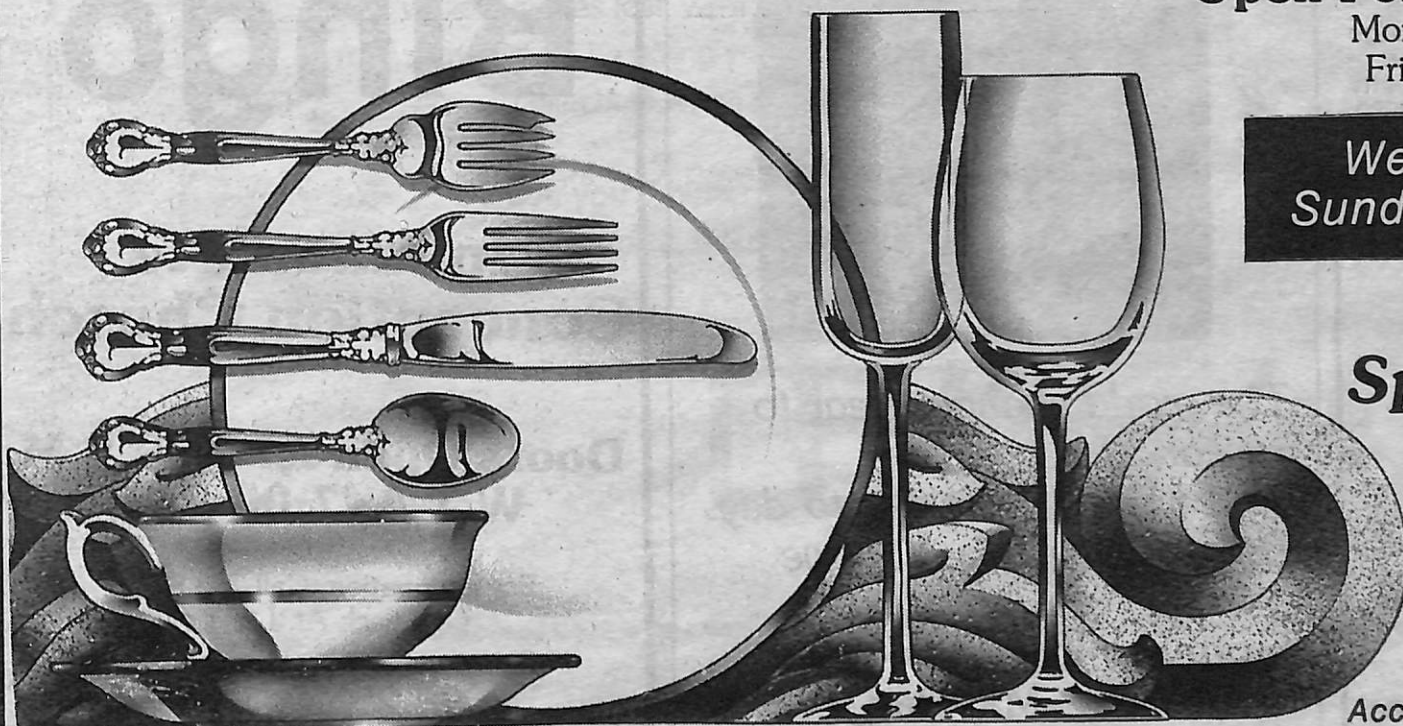
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— Agawam Obituaries —

C. Nelson Butler

C. Nelson Butler, 87, of Tabor Crossing, Longmeadow, and formerly of 3D Mansion Woods, Agawam, a former Springfield high school teacher, died recently at home.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of Technical High School in 1927 and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and received a master's degree in education from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

He lived in Springfield and Agawam all his life. He was a mathematics teacher at Springfield Technical High School for 35 years, and retired in 1975.

He was an active member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield from 1927, and was director of religious education for several years. He was a lifetime member of the National Education Association.

He was active in the American Youth Foundation and was a voluntary tutor in the Springfield schools.

He leaves his wife, the former Barbara Hatch; three daughters, Carlene B. Bromwell of Silver Spring, Maryland, Cynthia B. Lawson of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Beverly B. Campbell of Agawam; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the church, with the burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, MA 01108.

Elizabeth M. Wolos

Elizabeth M. (Strycharz) Wolos, 80, of 462 Main Street, Agawam, died in the Heritage Woods Assisted-Living Center.

She was born in Chicopee, and lived on Frontenac Street in that city for most of her life.

She was a former communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Chicopee.

Her husband, Stanley Wolos, died in 1993.

She leaves a son, David A. of Agawam; a daughter, Jean M. Picconi of Lebanon, New Hampshire; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. The burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Chicopee.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Miracle-NetWork, 759 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01199.

John A. Halvorsen

John A. Halvorsen, 96, of Agawam, died at a local nursing home.

He was a brakeman on the New Haven Railroad for 30 years, and worked for The Springfield Newspapers after retirement.

He was born in Norway and spent most of his life in East Longmeadow and Springfield.

He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and a former member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in East Longmeadow.

He leaves a sister, Marie Johnson of Agawam, and nephews and nieces.

The funeral and burial were at the convenience of the family. Byron's Allen Street Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Marian Sullivan

Marian (Lambe) Sullivan, 66, of 88 Partridge Lane, West Springfield, died recently at home.

She was a real estate agent with Trend Realty Co. of Longmeadow for five years and retired in 1980. Born in New York City, she lived in Longmeadow for many years before moving to West Springfield in 1987.

She was a past president of the St. Mary's Church Guild in Longmeadow, and chaired that town's bicentennial ball.

She was active in Massachusetts Citizens for Life.

She leaves her husband, James F. of West Springfield; two sons, James P. of Longmeadow and Peter D. of Agawam; three daughters, Alice Bell of Agawam, Sue Paolino of Cromwell, Connecticut, and Marian Sullivan of West Springfield; a brother, Peter of Forest Hills, New York; two sisters, Ellenmae Guimaraes of West Springfield and Eileen Dwan of Yorktown Heights, New York; and 10 grandchildren.

She was predeceased by another son, John P., in July.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church. The burial was in St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the John P. Sullivan Memorial Fund, in care of SIS Bank, 1425 Westfield Street, West Springfield, MA 01089, or Massachusetts Citizens for Life, 109 Center Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.

Robin J. Zanolli

Robin J. (Roy) Zanolli, 42, of 124 Glendale Street, Chicopee, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was the administrative assistant to the president of Genesis Elder Care in Agawam, and had worked at Carando Co. of Springfield for 13 years.

She was born in Springfield, and was a 1974 graduate of East Longmeadow High School.

She lived in Springfield for many years before moving to Chicopee in 1985.

She was a certified professional secretary and administrative manager.

She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in East Longmeadow, and president of the Springfield Chapter of Professional Secretaries International.

She leaves a son, Robert J. of Chicopee; a brother, Richard A. Roy of Dallas; a sister, Susan Walbridge of Hampden; her parents, Aren S. and Phyllis E. (Pike) Roy of Belchertown; and her former husband, Raymond G. Zanolli.

The funeral was held at Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home of East Longmeadow, and the church. The burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9a, West Springfield, MA 01089, or the Rays of Hope Walk Toward the Cure for Breast Cancer, 759 Chestnut Street, WMU5 Development Office, Springfield, MA 01199.

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by State Senator Linda J. Melconian

Customer Surcharges On ATM's...

Large banks maintain that customer surcharges on ATMs should not be banned because the free market should rule. They say that we owe much of our success in Massachusetts and the nation to following this principle.

I agree. This is a situation where economics should rule. The only problem is that all of the economics of the situation argue for banning surcharges on bank ATMs.

If you use another bank's ATM, your bank is already paying that bank for providing you with that service. When ATMs first came into widespread use a decade ago, banks met and decided how much they would pay each other in fees for every transaction that they provided for another bank's customers. That agreement is the free market at work. It turns out that large banks misjudged the market. When they say they are losing money on these transactions, it translates into, "We made a bad deal and now we want the customer to bail us out." That is unfair and wrong.

Business transactions work best when both sides have equal power and equal knowledge. Everyone knows that to get the best deal on a new car you must know the facts about what you are buying and what it should cost. Unfortunately, this is not the situation when customers use another bank. They have no idea how much such a transaction should cost or whether they could get a better deal elsewhere. But your own bank knows. It can negotiate with the other bank on equal terms and make sure that everyone gets a fair deal.

We all know competition is good. However, these fees are anti-competitive. Banks charging a fee hope that customers will get tired of paying it and take the logical step of switching banks. Since most ATMs are owned by a few large banks, this switch will have the effect of bringing even more customers to those bigger banks, shutting down smaller banks, and further reducing the options of the Massachusetts consumer.

It has always been the role of the Massachusetts legislature to protect consumers and insure they get a fair shake against powerful interests. The best way to do this is to ban surcharges on all ATM transactions and force large banks and small banks to work together to find an equitable price within the system that is fair and reasonable to all consumers.

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Veterans' Corner...

Let's Check War Dates For Agawam Honor Roll

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent

At the risk of appearing redundant, once again I would like to go over the eligibility war dates for the Agawam Veterans' Honor Roll. It will give you a clearer view of the difficulties we face in coming up with as accurate a list as possible.

In addition, you will better understand why we need your input and assistance. We've done our best, but we need your help in identifying names that may be missing.

There is a distinct difference between the federal and the state definition of a veteran. We decided to use the state definition contained in Chapter 4, Section 7, clause 43 of the Mass. General Laws which would allow us to include more names on our Honor Roll.

WAR DATES CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 4:

WWI (6 APR 1917 - 11 NOV 1918): 90 Days service (1) day war time.

WWII (16 SEP 1940 - 31 DEC 1946): 90 Days service (1) day war time.

KOREA (25 JUNE 1950 - 31 JAN 1955): 90 Days service (1) day war time.

VIETNAM, PART I (1 FEB 1955 - 4 AUG 1964): Served at least 180 days active duty under Honorable Conditions.

VIETNAM, PART II (5 AUG 1964 - 7 MAY 1975): Served at least 90 days, (1) of which is war time under Honorable Conditions.

PLEASE NOTE: The War Records Dept. in Boston has the discharges of those veterans who have filed for the Massachusetts Bonus. The eligibility dates for Bonus are July 1, 1958 through April 1, 1973.

When filing for Bonus, veterans must submit a copy of their discharge. Vietnam veterans who served during the period of 1 Feb 55 - 30 Jun 58 and the period of 1 Apr 73 - 6 May 75 are not currently eligible for Bonus under state law, therefore, their discharges are not on file.

This creates a problem in terms of obtaining discharges for certain Vietnam veterans and thus my plea to you for assistance. If you know of any veteran who served during the period of 1 Feb 55 - 30 Jun 58 with at least 180 days of service under Honorable Conditions, OR served during the period of 1 Apr 73 - 6 May 75 for at least 90 days under Honorable Conditions, those veterans or their families will need to submit a copy of their DD 214 Discharge to our office to be included on our Agawam Honor Roll for Vietnam Era service.

Remember, Home of Record on the discharge must be AGAWAM. (ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES WILL BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.)

Below is the list of Agawam World War II veterans to be included on our Honor Roll whose last names begin with the letter "S." If you have any questions, please contact our office at the Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.

WWII - "S"

Joseph J. Sadak, Sherman W. Sadler, Donald W. Safford, Douglas L. Safford, Winfield E. Safford, Hubert E. Sands, George Santillo, Anthony Santinello, Frank A. Santinello, Nicholas J. Santinello, Richard F. Scannell, Carmin Scarpa, Raphael Scarpa, Ernest H. Schaedlich, Francis L. Scherpa, Lawrence J. Scherpa,

George W. Schmidt, Ernest E. Scoville, Ernest G. Sealander, Jr., Norman C. Sealander, Richard J. Sealander, Francis A. Senecal, Dante B. Serra, Domit J. Shaer, Donald E. Shaw, Howard L. Shaw, Douglas M. Shaylor, James O. Shea, James T. Shea, David A. Sheldon, Edward A. Sheldon, Ivan A. Shepard, David L. Sherman, Thomas J. Sherry, Edward P. Shibley, Harold Shibley, Victor J. Shibley, Richard J. Shields, Samuel S. Simone, Leo Simonetta, Angelo J. Simonetta.

Charles M. Simpson, Paul Smarse, Robert Smarse, George Smith, Malcolm E. Smith, Robert E. Smith, Ralph E. Soden, Donald A. Soden, Earl W. Soderlund, Vincent P. Solaroli, Erwin J. Soper, Fred C. Sosath, Raymond E. Spear, Winthrop G. Spencer, Leo Squazza.

Antonio St. Georgio, William V. St. Germain, Maurice St. Jean*, Edgar A. St. John, William L. St. John, Francis J. St. John, Edward G. St. Peter, Jr., Winslow A. Stahle, William Stanhope, Richard J. Stapleton, Thomas H. Stapleton, Jr., Rose M. Stefanik.

James Stellato, Henry Stepanik, Russell P. Stetson, Ralph Stetson, Jr., Harold L. Stewart, Jr., John W. Stillwell, Henry J. Stocker, Edward Stomski, Edmund Straszko, Robert K. Strniste.

Kenneth D. Strom, Leroy E. Strom, Max Strom, Edward Sulborski, Hugh E. Sullivan*, John E. Sullivan, John P. Sullivan, John P. Sullivan, Ernest C. Swanson, Roland A. Swanson, Stanley Szetela, Walter J. Szugda.

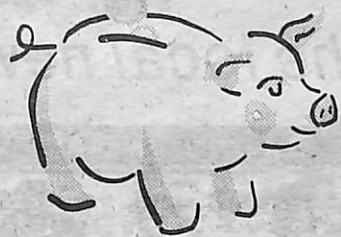
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Ruth C. Bitzas' "Veterans' Corner" is a regular feature of the ADVERTISER NEWS...

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Agawam Fire Dept. To Participate In Nat'l Fire Drill

When you hear the term "The Great Escape," images of Houdini and disappearing acts may come to mind. The Agawam Fire Department is announcing that "The Great Escape" will take place in Agawam this October, but we are not planning to make residents disappear.

In fact, the Agawam Fire Department has been working with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association and fire departments throughout the United States and Canada to implement the first-ever North American fire drill - "The Great Escape" - during 1998 Fire Prevention Week, October 4th-10th.

"The Great Escape" is a fun activity for entire families to participate in during Fire Prevention Week, but also could save their lives. According to Fire Chief David Pisano, "If fire breaks out in your home, you and your family only have a few minutes to escape safely. Home fire escape planning and practice ensure that everyone in the household will know how to use that small window of opportunity effectively and get out alive."

The NFPA, the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 70 years, developed "The Great Escape" theme in response to results from its 1997 Home Escape Survey that showed only 16 percent of respondents who had escape plans actually practice them. These findings demonstrate that most people are not well-prepared if a fire does occur in their home. The NFPA hopes "The Great Escape" motivates people to begin thinking about fire safety in a positive, proactive way, and to start practicing their home escape plans regularly at least twice a year.

The Agawam Fire Department invites all residents to participate in "The Great Escape" fire drill on October 7, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. Draw up a fire escape plan with your family members, then practice the plan at that time.

Police Explorers Seek New Recruits

Are you interested in law enforcement? The Agawam Police Explorers Post No. 713 (affiliated with the Agawam Police Association and the Boy Scouts of America) are looking for new male and female recruits ages 14 to 21 who are interested in exploring the field of law enforcement.

The Police Explorers also take part in many activities like camping, security for Boy Scout events, traffic parking for The Big E, fingerprinting children (Ident-a-kid), and the Adopt-a-Highway program.

If interested, please contact James Antico at 789-0108 or attend the Police Explorer meetings every first and third Sunday of every month in the Faolin Peirce Community Room (located in the Agawam Police Station) at 7:00 p.m.

Agawam Democrats To Hold Breakfast

The Agawam Democratic Committee is pleased to announce that this year's breakfast will take place on Sunday, October 25, 1998 at Chez Josef banquet facility, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. The breakfast will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Tickets are available at \$20 each from any member of the Agawam Democratic Committee. Advertising and well wishes for the program may be purchased by contacting Stanley Chmielewski at 786-6859 or Rosemary Sandlin at 786-6053 or 786-3254.

This fall's breakfast will be held to honor longtime Democratic party activist and leader, the late Salvator A. Scibelli. It is hoped and urged that all the friends of the late Salvator Scibelli and his family will attend the breakfast to honor the good man and his great family.

Abe Kasparian, Jr. Announces Candidacy For Massachusetts Governor's Council

On Tuesday evening, September 22nd, at the Captain Leonard House in Agawam, former Hampden County Commissioner Abe Kasparian, Jr. announced his candidacy for Governor's Council. He accepted the nomination from the voters of Western Massachusetts in placing his name on the ballot for the Governor's Council in the Eighth District, which represents the citizens of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden Counties.

During this campaign event, discussion was held on Kasparian's pending legislation (House Docket No. 5254, The Acts December 1997) that will make elected officials equal to the constituents that they represent, as well as the unfunded pension liability leftover from the abolishment of County Government.

In accepting the nomination for the Governor's Council, Kasparian made the following pledge to the four Counties in the Eighth District:

"I pledge to maintain regular meetings throughout the district to ensure that the office of the Governor's Council is connected to the voters and taxpayers of Western Massachusetts. The 1998 election will offer voters a choice of representation to choose from."

He continued, "I can promise you that I am ready to break the current state of disengaged representation that the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties have had to endure in the Governor's Council. A Governor's Councilor needs to be amply aware of the concerns of the constituents that he or she represents when engaging in the serious business that is at the core of a Governor's Councilor's responsibilities."

Kasparian has cited the following qualifications in his candidacy for the Governor's Council:

- * Former Hampden County Commissioner, elected by voters in 1996.
- * B.S., Westfield State College; Criminal Justice.
- * M.Ed., Cambridge College; Business Administration.
- * Massachusetts Licensed Real Estate Broker and Western Mass. business owner.
- * Born in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, November 1953, a long-time resident of Hampden County, and a 20-year resident of Agawam.
- * Past chair of Agawam Industrial Financial

Development Authority, Honorary Hampden County Deputy Sheriff, Notary Public, and former corporate Director of WESTMASS Area Development Corp.

* Chairman of the Hampden County Task Force On the Effects of the Abolishment of County Government.

* Chairman of the Hampden County Regional Service Committee.

As a Hampden County Commissioner, Kasparian lists the following accomplishments:

* Eliminated the \$3.7 million deficit in Hampden County Government and generated a \$950,000 surplus for the taxpayers of the Commonwealth.

* Returned all unused county land to the Commonwealth taxpayers.

* While a Hampden County Commissioner, he discovered that the abolishment of the Hampden County Government would result in a substantial unfunded pension liability for towns and cities in the retirement system, which could have resulted in higher real estate taxes and possibly cut planned capital programs and essential services.

* Worked with State Senator Linda Melconian and State Representative Daniel Keenan to create legislation to amend Chapter 48, Abolishment of Middlesex County Government (which included Hampden and Worcester Counties), to correct the inequity of the cities and towns from the financial burden that the State created through the abolishment of County Government. The House and Senate passed an outside amendment to the budget; unfortunately, the Governor vetoed the bill and consequently there were not enough votes to override his veto.

* Aided Attorney General Scott Harshbarger in cleaning up corruption in County and State Government, resulting in some violators being brought to justice. Ongoing investigations in the Superior Court Probation Department and in the Probate and Family Court may yield to resignations of appointed State Employees involved in wrongdoing.

* Assisted Hampshire County in settling a 10-year dispute with Hampden County and returning \$900,000 to Hampshire County taxpayers.

* Assisted Judge Philip Contant, State Senator Michael Knapik, and State Representative Cele Hahn in obtaining full security for Westfield District Court.

State Senator Linda Melconian Discusses Tax Cuts Approved By The Legislature

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has always been on the side of families and has tried to alleviate the economic burdens they face.

In 1998, the Legislature passed several targeted tax cuts, which will provide relief to working families who need money for such things as childcare and education.

"We enacted the largest tax cut in the history of this state. Everyone, especially working men and women, will benefit from these permanent tax reductions."

The tax package will raise the personal exemption beginning in 1999 for single filers from \$2,200 to \$4,400 from \$3,400 to \$6,800 for head of household filers and from \$4,400 to \$8,800 for joint filers. This amounts to a tax cut of \$131 a year for a single filer and \$262 a year for joint filers beginning on January 1, 1999. In tax year 1998, the exemption produces a tax cut of \$96 for a single filer, \$148 for head of household filer, and \$192 for joint filers.

In addition, tax on unearned income decreases from 12 percent to 5.95 percent, the same rate as earned income. This will encourage family investment and savings that previously was unrealistic.

"Doubling the personal exemption affects

every citizen equally, regardless of income," Melconian said. "And slashing the unearned income tax rate encourages investment and corrects the punitive burden that this tax assesses. Investment needs to be rewarded and encouraged, especially with the rising cost of education."

In addition, 1998 saw the childcare deduction rise from \$600 to \$1,200, which will aid families with the escalating costs of providing daycare for their children.

"Childcare is an ongoing concern for so many of our residents," Melconian said. "The Legislature has recognized this cost, and has taken action to provide relief."

Finally, families have an exciting, economically viable, investment opportunity with the Roth IRA. Massachusetts residents will now only have to pay tax initially on the Roth IRA, and will not be forced to pay tax on each subsequent year. Roth IRA's can be used for college education, first-time home buys, and retirement.

"The Roth IRA provides a fantastic opportunity for individuals and families to invest for retirement and education for their children," Melconian said. "With our law, these are attractive options for families looking to save for the future."

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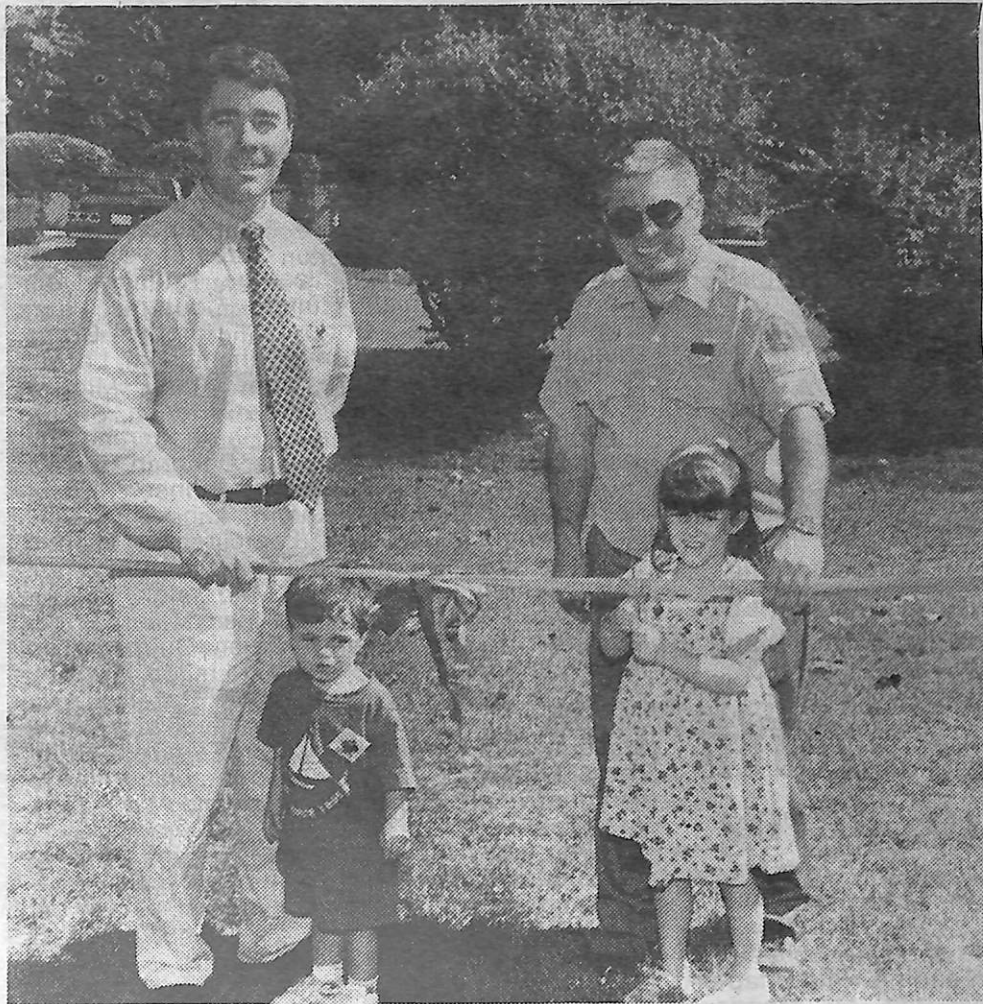
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“Centennial Grove Dedication” At Robinson Park



ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, Robinson State Park was the site of a “Centennial Grove Dedication” to commemorate the first 100 years of the Massachusetts Forests and Parks System. IN LEFT PHOTO: Cutting the ribbon for the grove dedication - State Rep. Dan Keenan and his son, Jack, with Robinson Park Supervisor Joe Sarkis and his daughter, Laura. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Keenan (with son, Jack) receives a “Certificate of Appreciation” from Sarkis on behalf of his efforts to support Robinson Park and the state’s forests and parks system. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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DURING THE "Centennial Grove" festivities at Robinson State Park on Sunday, September 13th, the Westfield River Watershed Association gave a hands-on canoeing and kayaking demonstration. In the photo above, Kali Murphy, Chris Murphy, and Barb DiSanti are "river-ready." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Polish Club Women's Auxiliary Announce Annual Craft Fair

On Saturday, October 17th, the Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club of Agawam will be sponsoring their Annual Craft Fair.

The event will be held at the rear, indoor pavilion on the club grounds, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills (Route 57) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

As in previous years, the ladies will be busy serving traditional Polish foods, as well as the all-American hot dog, soft drinks, and desserts.

Crafters from Agawam, West Springfield, Monson, Springfield, Chicopee, Granville, Ludlow, Palmer, East Longmeadow, and Connecticut will be offering their wares.

You'll find some great items for the home as well as gift-giving. There will be an assortment of holiday items, gift baskets, baby items, pressed flower frames, wonderful wooden crafts, tinware, stained glass gifts, original beaded handiwork, children's winterwear, ceramics, Victorian and country scrollwork, the popular Hid-and-Seek Dolls, wooden furniture, bird feeders, toys, and more.

Retirees Can Decrease Property Taxes Via Public Service Prog.

Thanks to a program offered through the Town of Agawam, retirees have an opportunity to decrease their property tax bill by participating in a voluntary public service program.

This program started two years ago and has been most successful. Volunteers are required to fill out an application indicating their work experience and skills that may qualify them for potential job openings and the position they would like to perform. Interviews are conducted and the most qualified candidate is selected.

The volunteers must agree to perform 100 hours of community service. For this service, they will receive a \$500 voucher which they can use to reduce their property tax bill.

Candidates must be 60 years of age in order to be eligible for participation, a homeowner, and a resident of Agawam.

Several positions are available in various town offices. For further information or an application to apply, please visit the Personnel Office at the Agawam Town Hall or the Agawam Senior Center. The application deadline is October 8, 1998.

Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP To Hold Prog. On Mon., Sept. 28th

The first of the 1998-1999 specially scheduled programs for the Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter 4915 AARP will be presented on Monday, September 28th at the Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam.

The program to be presented is "The Long and Short of It," concerning normal changes that occur with aging. The video offers some useful memory skills to help people worry less about changes in their memory abilities. Following the video, special guest Mary Francis Wall, L.J.C.S.W., program director and social worker, for the Agawam Counseling Center located at 30 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, will be the guest resource person to elaborate on the subject and her field of work.

Refreshments will be served. If you are not a member of the Chapter, you are more than welcome to join when you arrive for the program.

P.S. There will be a program scheduled for every meeting. See you there.

AHS's Class Of 1978 Seeks "Missing" Alumni For Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1978 will be holding its 20-Year Class Reunion on Saturday evening, November 28, 1998 at the Tekoa Country Club in Westfield.

Invitations have been sent out; however, we are still unable to find the following classmates:

Chris Armand, Gladys Ayala, Mary-Ann Benedict, Alan Bittner, Victor Bortolussi, Neil Brown, Rebecca Brown, Janice Caramazza, Victor Cestari, Steven Chesley, Suzanne Chicoine, Michael Clark, Marc Colcombe, Rhonda Comforte, Jeff Cosenzi, Ronald Couture, Laura DeMusis, Michael Donovan, Timothy Drane, Daniel Duffy, Lauren (Dunn) Cunningham, Loretta Farber, Stephen Ferrero, Jane Finau, Michael Follini, Catherine Foote, Steven French, Sandra Ghidoni, Tina Gravel, Marcy Harris, James Hill, Michael Holzman, Janet Houle, Deborah Howe.

Also, David Hudson, Daniel Johnson, Eileen Kane, David Kelly, Bill Knight, Angela Kolnicki, Gwen Kononitz, Luana (Lamoureux) Bisson, Steve Larrabee, Robert Mahoney, Daniel Manhue, Sue Manning, Raymond Margosiak, Laurie Marino, Elizabeth Marquis, Alden Miller, Eileen Moriarty, Robert Nahajlo, Caren Ouimet, Tom Paul, Leonard Peltier, Maria Persiico, Tammie Poulos, Edward Rogers, Ralph Rozell, Dawn Sanders, Brian Shaw, Daniel Stachowicz, Anne Stevens, John Sweeney, Marissa Tangredi, Ralph Thresher, Wayne Van Newenhoven, Lisa Villeuve, Thomas Welch, Richard Whalley, and Andrew Wojnicki.

If you know the whereabouts of any of these classmates or if you are a member of the Class of 1978 and did not receive an invitation, please call Shelley (Borgatti) Reed at 413-786-4960 or Lisa (Kamyk) Johnson at 413-789-2335.

Annual "Winterfest" Scheduled At The Spfld. Turnverein

The Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring its Annual "Winterfest" (Wine Fest) on Saturday, October 3rd.

The menu will consist of roast pork, potatoes, vegetable, coffee, and cake. Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:30 p.m. by the Ladies' Glee Club and the Men's Singing Section of the Club.

For reservations, please call Christa at 786-0143 or the Club at 786-0924 by September 30th.

Following dinner, we will enjoy the music of the fabulous "Vagabonds," a husband and wife duo that will play a wide variety of music.

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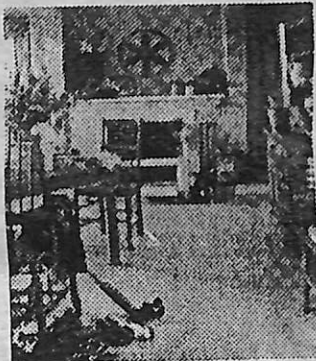
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Various Programs At Heritage Hall...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Earlier this month, Denise Hudson presented a program on "horticulture therapy" at Heritage Hall's West Building. IN TOP PHOTO: "The Melody Boys" from Springfield recently entertained residents of Heritage Hall's North Building. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in or faxed to us on Mondays.

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Allison Lake Weds Kevin Innarelli

Las Vegas Gardens Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada was the setting for the July 4th wedding of Allison Lake and Kevin Innarelli.

The bride is the daughter of Rob & Renice Lake of Montrose, Colorado. The bridegroom is the son of Carla Dempsey of Feeding Hills and Louis Innarelli of Westfield.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Montrose High School and is currently serving as a linguist student in Monterey, California.

The bridegroom is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1996 graduate of Virginia Wesleyan in Norfolk, Virginia. He is also serving in the Army, learning Chinese at the Monterey Institute in California.

The couple reside in Marina, California.

Junior Women's Club To Hold Tailgate Tag/Craft Sale

On Saturday, October 17th, a Tailgate Tag/Craft Sale will be held in the Stop & Shop parking lot located on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

This Tag/Craft Sale will benefit the Agawam Junior Women's Club Holiday Basket Program. This sale is a great opportunity to sell any excess items that may have been accumulated during your fall cleaning.

There will be a \$20 fee for each space. Please stop by the Courtesy Booth for an application to help with this worthwhile fundraiser.

The Holiday Basket Program is a community-wide project coordinated by the Agawam Junior Women's Club that benefits Agawam residents during the holiday season. Canned goods and other non-perishable items are collected townwide during the months of October, November, and December for delivery at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For many years, Stop & Shop has donated other items needed to complete these baskets. These items have included turkeys, butter, eggs, and stuffing. Through their generosity, the Agawam Junior Women's Club has been able to deliver a complete meal to all in need in the Agawam area.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Ag. Golden Age Club's Chapter 1 Calendar Of Events For October

Friday, October 2nd: Board of Directors' Meeting at the Center, 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6th: Trip to Foxwood Casino

Wednesday, October 14th: The Anniversary Banquet at Crestview Country Club, Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Dinner at 12:30 p.m. Entertainment by Libby Campa at the keyboard.

Wednesday, October 28th: Regular Meeting at 1:30 p.m. A Basket Raffle will precede "Special Program Entertainment" by Edith Michaud.

Agawam/West Spfld. CROP WALK Slated For October 18th

Once again (or could it be your first time?), it's CROP Walk time in the Agawam-West Springfield area!

For those who don't know the background, CROP Walks began after World War II as a sort of Christian Marshall Plan. The name was originally an acronym, standing for Christian Relief Overseas Project, and in those days, aid was focused on rebuilding after the devastation of the war.

Today, funds raised through CROP Walks not only bring relief to war torn areas overseas, but also benefit those in need locally. The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry is to receive 25 percent of funds raised. The rest will provide inoculations for children in parts of the world where measles and mumps are still deadly; it will provide the equipment needed to drill wells in drought-stricken lands; it will purchase and underwrite the transportation of food to people suffering from famine; it will bring emergency relief to those hit hard by earthquakes and floods. In short, when you walk or support a walker, you bring good news to people in need both near and far.

The 1998 Agawam/West Springfield CROP Walk will be held, rain or shine, on Sunday, October 18th, leaving from the Agawam United Methodist Church on Mill Street (across from the High School). Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. and the 10-kilometer walk begins at 2:00 p.m.

Most area churches have organizers and walker sheets available. You may also call Bob Broga at 786-7720 or Rob Donaldson at 786-5061 for more information.

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Each year at harvest time, The Big E takes pride in celebrating the world of New England Agriculture by hosting the largest livestock show in New England, numerous agricultural exhibits and contests, traditional and modern agriculture demonstrations, and a variety of educational displays, all on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Joshua L. Brooks, founder of The Big E, dreamed of bringing together the six New England states in an atmosphere of celebration to discuss the growing field of New England agriculture and the issues facing farmers of the time. His work carried him throughout America in a desperate bid to garner support for a revitalization of the Northeast farming scene.

That dream, now a reality for over 77 years, has become larger than Brooks ever imagined with an annual festival that draws over one million individuals from across the United States who share an interest in agriculture. The Mallory Agricultural Complex, home to a vast array of top-notch agricultural events, contests, and exhibits that are educational as well as entertaining, has become the cornerstone of The Big E; it embodies the goals of a past era and the continuing hopes of a future generation.

• **The Avenue of Agriculture** - There is no better way to learn about livestock and the world of agriculture than at this educational exhibit, located in the Mallory Complex. Fairgoers will increase their knowledge of agriculture and have an up-close and personal view of more than 25 breeds of beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, and swine, thanks to the Avenue's outstanding educational exhibits and working demonstrations. There are also free fact sheets available with information on each animal; physical traits, care and feeding requirements, and judging guidelines are just a few examples of the wealth of information available to the public. Enjoy the **Butter Barn**, sponsored by Milk Promotion Services, Inc., where world-famous sculptor Jim Victor will transform mere blocks of butter into intricate works of barnyard art. Don't miss the daily goat milking, sheep shearing, and working dog demonstrations nearby.

• **Ag in the Fast Lane** - This educational exhibit, highlighting the agricultural by-products that make up or are part of the process of creating an automobile, introduces yet another way that agriculture influences industry. Found on the Avenue of Agriculture, this interesting display is open every day of the fair.

• **Big E Livestock Shows** - Throughout the 17 days of the fair, there will be continuous 4-H and open livestock shows and competitions, showcasing the finest beef and dairy cattle, swine, sheep, llamas, and goats. These first-rate animals will be on display within the Mallory Complex for all to see.

Also, the Coliseum will play host to the prestigious **Eastern States Exposition Horse Show**, Sept. 23rd-27th, featuring the **ASPCA MacLay Regional Finals** on Sept. 27th; the **4-H Horse Show**, Sept. 25th-27th; **Ox-Pulling Competitions**, Sept. 28th; **Horse Pulling Competitions**, Sept. 29th; and the **National Draft Horse Show**, Oct. 1st-4th. The **North American Six-Horse Classic Series 1998 Championship Finals**, featuring the most powerful heavy horse teams in America, will occur on Sunday, Oct. 4th.

Beautiful and majestic, the **Budweiser Clydesdales** will strut through the fair in The Big E Grande Parade, sponsored by Stop & Shop, daily at 5:00 p.m. These incredible animals may also be seen at selected evening classes of the Eastern States Exposition Horse Show, located in the coliseum, and resting near the Giant Slide during the day.

• **The Milking Parlor**, sponsored by Milk Promotion Services, Inc., is a great place to see exhibitors milking their dairy cows. This new parlor allows up to eight cows to be milked at one time. For those who miss milking time, there's still a chance to learn all about the milking process and dairy products through a continuously running video. And before leaving, fairgoers should have the pleasure of tasting mouthwatering milkshakes and other delicious dairy treats at the Dairy Bar.

• **Fiber Nook** - Fairgoers will discover fiber from not only sheep but also llamas, alpacas, and many other animals at this special exhibit. Watch how wool is turned into the wide variety of items used in our everyday lives, then take a look at the superbly crafted items in the Fiber Nook's retail area.

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DAWN FOURNIER & KENNETH PARKER

Dawn Fournier Engaged To Wed Kenneth Parker

Mr. & Mrs. Roland Fournier of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Fournier, to Kenneth Parker of Chicopee. He is the son of Mr. Michael Parker of Westfield and Mrs. Donna Parker of Vermont.

The ceremony will be held on June 5, 1999 at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School. She has obtained an associate degree in secretarial science from Holyoke Community College. She is currently employed in the retail industry.

Her fiancé is a 1983 graduate of Westfield High School, as well as a graduate of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. He is currently working at Baystate Medical Center as an audiovisual specialist.

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• **The Farm-A-Rama Stage**, sponsored by United Waste, once again makes learning fun with Chris Rowlands' **"Farmin' Fever,"** a musical exploration of today's agriculture, with tunes such as "Cud Chewin." Fairgoers will also have a chance to learn about agriculture and have fun at the **"On the Farm"** game show. Enjoy the hilarious antics of "Dr. T," an expert in "Garbology!" This educational and entertaining show is built around the idea that "garbage is too good a resource to throw away." Created by Jack Golden and used by many schools to educate children in grades K-8 about recycling, **"Garbage Is My Bag"** will delight and fascinate Big E audiences.

• **Colossal Hallamore Clydesdales** will make their home in Farm-A-Rama all 17 days of the fair. Fairgoers will admire the incredible beauty and immense size of these eight draft horses and watch them to through the lengthy process of being prepared for their appearance in **The Big E Grande Parade**, sponsored by Stop & Shop, daily at 5:00 p.m.

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JOSEPH D. & EMILY L. GENTILE

Joseph & Emily Gentile Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Joseph D. and Emily L. (Magistri) Gentile celebrated their 50th anniversary recently with a one-week trip to Maui, Hawaii and one week in Spokane, Washington visiting their daughter and son-in-law.

Now retired, Mr. & Mrs. Gentile are the parents of Joseph J. Gentile of Feeding Hills, Thomas D. Gentile of Southampton, Nancy O'Hare of Westfield, and Dr. Mary Gentile Adams of Spokane.

The couple was married September 1, 1948 in Springfield.

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

NEWS40 To Kick Off Ninth Annual "Coats For Kids Campaign" On September 28th

On Monday, September 28th, NEWS40 will be kicking off its ninth Annual "Coats for Kids Campaign." Standard Uniform Services of Agawam has been a partner in this campaign for many years, and has pledged to clean every item of donated clothing before it is distributed to needy children.

The mission is to make sure that no child in the Pioneer Valley goes without a warm winter coat this winter. Last year, a record 10,000 coats were collected and cleaned by Standard Uniform Services, and distributed by the Salvation Army.

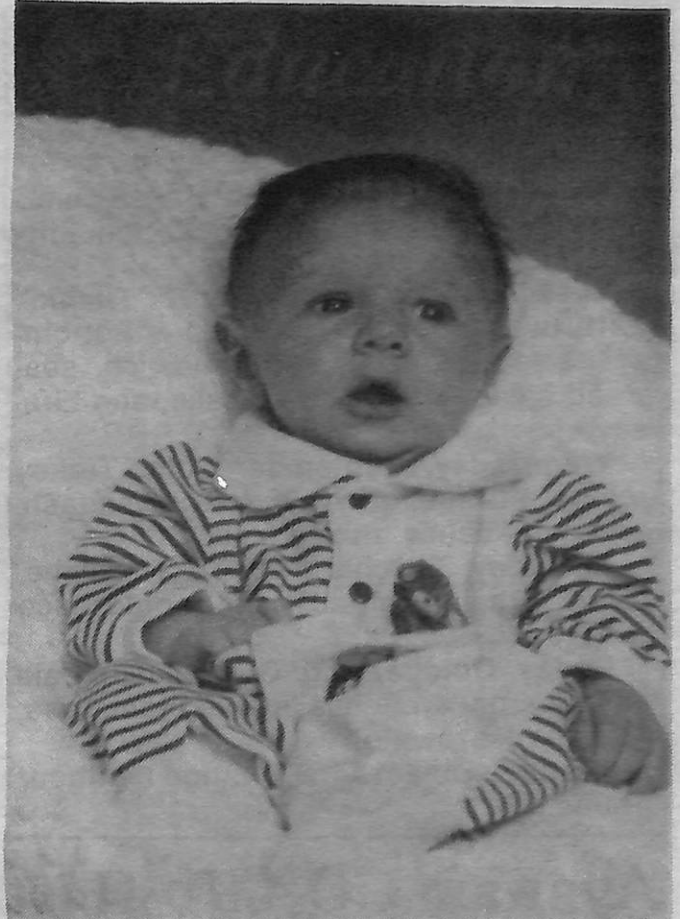
If you have coats that you have outgrown, or simply not worn, please bring them to any of the collection points at the following participating

businesses:

Manny's TV & Appliances, Rocky's Hardware, Subway stores, or any branch of United Cooperative Bank. In addition, many area schools will be organizing their own collections in conjunction with the NEWS40 campaign. Coats may also be brought to WGGB-TV, 1300 Liberty Street, Springfield during normal office hours.

The campaign ends on Friday, October 23rd, and the coats will be distributed at the Salvation Army Warehouse on Lower Liberty Street, Springfield on Saturday, October 31st.

For more information on "Coats for Kids," please call Marsha or Ginny at WGGB-TV, 733-4040.



IAN WILLIAM EMERY SOUDER

The Souder Family Announces Birth Of Son, Ian

Ian William Emery Souder was born on July 16th at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He weighed eight pounds, five ounces, and measured 21 inches long.

Ian's parents are Bill & Patty Souder of Randall Street, Agawam. He was welcomed home by his brother, Neil.

His grandparents are Anna & Neil Smith of Feeding Hills, and Marilyn & Byron Souder of Hebron, Maryland.

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 28th: Baked chicken breast, cheese baked potato, cauliflower, rye bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, September 29th: A "Titanic" Party (with lunch at 11:00 a.m.) — Bottom-of-the-sea chowder, sub sandwich, seaweed salad, upside-down cake, and Life-savers.

Wednesday, September 30th: Turkey roll-up, stuffing/gravy, butternut squash, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit.

Thursday, October 1st: B.C.T. quiche, broccoli salad, breadsticks, applesauce with raisins.

Friday, October 2nd: Grape juice, baked macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, brownie.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Agawam COA To Host "Friday Feast" At The Senior Center

The Agawam Council on Aging will host a Friday Feast on October 16th at 5:30 p.m.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the "Dynamic Duo" and the menu will include boneless breast of chicken parmesan, pasta with marinara sauce, fresh salad, warm Italian bread, and ice cream.

Cost is \$8 per person with all proceeds going to the Agawam Senior Center.

For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242 or 243.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at noon...



JASON BLACKBURN & MEREDITH PEABODY

Meredith Joy Peabody Is Engaged To Wed Jason M. Blackburn

Ann Blackburn of Springfield, Steven Blackburn of Russell, and Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Peabody of Ludlow announce the engagement of their children, Jason Michael Blackburn to Meredith Joy Peabody.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Agawam High School. He is an independent distributor for Mutual Biscuit Corporation of New York.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ludlow High School and is currently attending Western New England College, where she will be graduating next May with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Their wedding is planned to take place in September 1999.

Polish Supper Slated For October 17th At Community Grange

Community Grange No. 382 of Feeding Hills will hold a Polish Supper on Saturday, October 17th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West Street.

The menu will consist of homemade stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, baked beans, vegetable, rye bread and butter, choice of dessert, coffee, tea, juice, or milk. Donation is \$6.50 for adults and \$3 for children under 10.

Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling Pauline at 789-2061 or Evelyn at 786-0821. If you missed the last one, don't miss this one! The public is invited to attend.

On Tuesday, October 20th, the Grange will host Debbie Kozikowski of Feeding Hills and her Lunch Box Collection. Debbie has been featured in Good Housekeeping magazine. This presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

The ladies of the Grange have been busy and will hold their annual Bazaar on Saturday, October 31st from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Crocheted and knitted items, ornaments, afghans, baked goods, books, and tag sale items will be available.

The snack bar will be open and Magpie the Clown will be visiting. Children under 11 who come in costume will receive a special Halloween treat. Raffle tickets will be available for an afghan, Beanie Babies, and other items.

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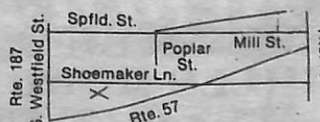
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MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON is about to cut the ribbon during a September 15th ceremony for the satellite site of the Open Pantry of West Springfield/Agawam. The new site is at Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL SITE: Jennifer Cummings (center), Executive Director of the Open Pantry of West Springfield/Agawam, with intake worker Alison Miles and Patrick Kearney (social worker for Advocacy Services). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

West Spfld./Agawam Open Pantry Opens "Satellite" Site

The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, September 15th to usher in its new "satellite" site in the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Mayor Christopher Johnson led the ceremony by cutting the ribbon and welcoming the Pantry into the community. Church leaders and parishioners, Pantry staff and volunteers, and interested members of the community were on hand to join the Mayor in the celebration.

The Pantry will offer groceries to residents of Agawam, Feeding Hills, and Southwick at the new site on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Patrick Kearney, Ed.D will be available on Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. to assist residents with housing, employment, access of benefits, and other social services.

Parish News And Events From St. John's Church

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AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES

The monthly meeting has been changed to the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The first meeting will be on October 8th.

UPCOMING ACTIVITY

September 25th: Dance at Adelfia's (sponsored by St. Rose Group) in Chicopee at 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

1998-1999 Schedule

Grades 1-4: Saturday morning, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Grades 5-7: Tuesday evening, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

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Confirmation (Grade 11): Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (to begin in October).

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Now that God sees you as His child, you are to live up to your new name and position. How are you doing? Are you living as a citizen of heaven? Are you growing in your Christian life, becoming more like Christ? If not, you have some work to do. Confess your failures to God and then depend on the Holy Spirit to help you grow in obedience.

But what if you have never trusted Christ as your Savior? Then God thinks of you as alienated from Him (Col. 1:21), spiritually dead (Eph. 2:1), destined for judgment (Jn. 3:18; Rev. 20:11-15). Yet He loves you and wants to rescue you from the eternal consequences of sin (Jn. 3:16-17).

If this describes you, what should you do? Acknowledge your sin and your inability to save yourself. Call on Jesus Christ. Place your trust in Him as the Savior who died for you, asking Him for the gift of forgiveness of sin (Eph. 2:8-10). The Bible says:

As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. — John 1:12

Adapted from the 32-page booklet *What Does God Think Of Me Now?* (Q0604), © 1987, 1995 RBC Ministries.

Church News - continued...

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

This Sunday, September 27th, is the 17th Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Church School continues at 9:00 a.m. for seventh through 12th grades, and Crib Room through sixth grade will meet at 10:30 a.m.

The Children's Choir will meet immediately following the Worship Service in the Choir Room with Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music. Any child who would like to join may attend.

This is also Teacher Dedication Sunday. Teachers and helpers will be recognized during the Worship Service. Teachers and Helpers for this year's Church School are:

Three year-old class — Diane Kibbe, Jane Humes, and Lucy Young; pre-school and kindergarten — Laura Paul, Michelle Cormier, Cindy Bruneau, Amber Most, and Jennifer Mesick; first grade — Jeannie Lewis, Whitney & Dean Brust, and Danya Decoteau; second grade — Debbie Most, Neal Ellsworth, and Robert Mesick; third and fourth grade — Cindy & Steve Lemire.

Fifth grade — Gay McDyer, David Bertagnolli, and Mike Follis; sixth grade — Sue Wills, Bev Follis, and Adam Ellsworth; seventh and eighth grade — Suanne Hansen; ninth grade — Rev. Curt Fuller and Cindy Arnold; 10th through 12th grade — Dan Pender and Annette Duda.

Church School Superintendents — Lindelee Davis and Suanne Hansen; Christian Education Director — Dan Pender.

The Senior High Youth Group will meet this Sunday, September 27th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. All Senior High youth (ninth grade through 12th grade) are welcome to attend.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is macaroni sauce.

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Playgroup continues each Thursday morning from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Playgroup is open to infants through pre-school age children.

There will be a New Member Pot Luck Supper held on Sunday, October 4th, at 5:30 p.m. in Bryan Hall. All new members and their families are invited to attend.

Dessert and beverages will be provided by the Friendship Committee, who is sponsoring the dinner.

For more information, call the Church Office at 786-7111.

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet On Friday, October 2nd

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Louis Church in West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, October 2nd, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m. The lectionary readings for this Sunday, the 17th Sunday after Pentecost, are Amos 6:1a, 4-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, and Luke 16:19-31.

The Lector will be Sue Boisvert. Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "A Solid Foundation for the Future." Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Members of this congregation are cordially invited to attend an informal reception given in honor of Evelyn Lavelli on Sunday, September 27th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at Mittineague Congregational Church, 1840 Westfield Street, West Springfield. We wish Rev. Lavelli well as she moves to the Pilgrim Congregational Church at Harwichport, MA.

The Girl Scouts will begin meeting in our church again on Monday and Wednesday afternoons beginning in October. Welcome back!

The Eastern States Exposition is now up and running. When you're there and get hungry for a delicious, slow-cooked meal, stop in at the Meeting House in Storowton Village. Our church members will happily serve you a scrumptious meal of meatloaf, baked ham, chicken pot pie, capon, or roast beef. So, skip the fast food and give your feet a rest and your soul a real treat!

The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry has opened its satellite site here and will be open to serve clients on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Entrance to the Pantry is gained from the back parking lot and is handicap-accessible.

On the calendar:
Thursday, Sept. 24th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.
Sunday, Sept. 27th: 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship/Sunday School
Monday, Sept. 28th: 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts
Tuesday, Sept. 29th: 8:15 a.m., Blue Seal Breakfast at The Big E; 7:00 p.m., A.A.
Wednesday, Sept. 30th: 7:00 p.m., Choir
Thursday, Oct. 1st: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Catholic Women To Celebrate Anniversary

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will celebrate the 60th anniversary of its founding on November 9th with a Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner will follow in the Parish Center at 7:15 p.m. Pres. Betsey Ciempa appointed Gloria Colby chairwoman and Penny Deforge co-chairwoman. They will be assisted by the following members: Eleanor Balboni, Alice Buell, Kay Capitano, Lillian Doyle, Rosemarie Fazio, Adele Gallano, Martha Jerry, Stella Longhi, Terry Longo, Joan Malinoski, Lorraine Maniscalchi, Pauline Paquette, Barbara Pfau, Carol Pignatere, Paula Raiche, Jane Schmidt, and Sr. Frances White. Members are asked to make their reservations early.

Upcoming Events At First Baptist Church

At the 9:30 a.m. worship service this Sunday, Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "The Problem With Horseradish." His scriptural text will be taken from Hebrews 12: 14-17.

Greeters for the morning will be Nancy & Ray Williams, Jr. and Diana LaZazzera.

Classes for all ages will be available after the coffee and conversation time in Davis Hall immediately following worship. Nursery care is provided.

The American Baptist Churches of Pioneer Valley will hold their annual fall worship gathering on Sunday afternoon, September 27th, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The event will be held at First Churches, 129 Main Street, Northampton.

Donna Anderson, Associate Director of International Ministries of the American Baptist Churches, USA, will address the group. Her topic is "Witness to the Community - Witness to the World."

Worship will be led by the Rev. Dr. Peter Ives, Pastor of the host church. Special music will be presented by the First Churches choir. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the scheduled program.

On our calendar this week:
Monday, September 28th: 7:30 p.m., Word Search Bible Study.

Tuesday, September 29th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, September 30th: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 7:30 p.m., Calendar Planning Meeting.

Thursday, October 1st: 10:00 a.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Saturday, October 3rd: Youth Hike - Mt. Greylock; 7:00 p.m., Single Parent Support Group.

Fall Rummage Sale At Mittineague Congregational

The Board of Stewards of the Mittineague Congregational Church of 1840 Westfield Street, West Springfield, has announced that a Fall Rummage Sale will be held in the Charles King Fellowship Hall of the Church on Saturday, October 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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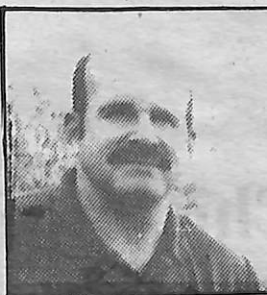
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Reflections...
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"A Man Who Dies Rich, Dies A Disgrace"

Paul Tsongas, the late U.S. Senator and Presidential candidate, once remarked that "Money is the mother's milk of politics." It would appear that Mr. Tsongas was correct in his assertion.

However, for many people, money is the "mother's milk" of life itself. Rather than viewing money as the exchange barter it was intended to be, some people view the accumulation of wealth as an end in itself.

Wealth can have its benefits, no doubt. Most of us would prefer to be comfortable and able to provide for our family's necessities and desires than not. While it would probably be irrational to choose poverty over wealth, all other things being equal, it is equally irrational to make money the focus of our lives or our ambition.

One of the primary dangers of focusing on the accumulation of worldly wealth is that such a pursuit will distract us from matters which are truly important, in favor of those which are only impertinent. Those who seek wealth as its own goal value temporal things over eternal concerns. Jesus once told a story about such a person which is recorded for us in the Gospel according to Luke.

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

"In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

"He said, 'Then, Father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'

"He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

In Jesus' parable, it is probably worth noting that while the poor beggar was given a name, Lazarus, the rich man was not. Perhaps Jesus was attempting to alert as many people whose life's work is the pursuit of wealth as possible, and left the rich man's name out so that such a person might more easily insert his or her own name, thereby to more fully identify with the story.

Alternatively, it may be that Jesus was suggesting that in the end, worldly wealth means so little that if that is what one's life consists of, such a person's name is not even worth mentioning.

In either event, Jesus' point should ring loud and clear for us all. Jesus' warning applies not only to those who are wealthy, but also to those whose passion is to become wealthy.

If anything, we need to hear and heed Jesus' message all the more today, especially when we compare today's mantra that "He who dies with the most toys wins" with the words of the 19th century philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie, who said that "A man who dies rich, dies a disgrace."

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Episcopal Diocese To Celebrate 50th Anniversary Of Bement Camp & Conference

The Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts announces that the Bement Camp and Conference will celebrate its 50th anniversary on the weekend of October 2nd through 4th.

This event will feature activities for all ages and anyone is welcome to attend for the entire weekend or any part. Participants will be able to stay at Bement in a variety of different conference accommodations.

Festivities will begin with supper on Friday at 6:30 p.m. and conclude after lunch on Sunday. Cost will be minimal.

The weekend will feature times for sharing memories, camp activities, fellowship, singing, and worship. Participants are encouraged to bring

pictures, letters, clothing, and any memorabilia from past years at Bement. Current and former Bement staff members will host this event celebrating 50 years of Christian Camping at Bement.

Contact Chairperson David Climo at (413) 789-2154 or Bement Director Mark Rourke at (508) 248-7811 with any questions regarding this exciting event. Please also call David Climo to pass on the addresses of any former campers or staff who you know would like to be informed of this event.

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Legal Memo

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Medical Malpractice: Failure To Diagnose Lung Cancer

In August 1990, the 72 year-old decedent was admitted to the hospital for vascular surgery on his legs. He did well post-operatively, and was discharged three weeks later to his home.

He was readmitted to the hospital five days later, as a result of 1½ hours of epigastric pain. He had not had that type of symptom for years and was advised by his surgeon to be seen in the emergency room.

At the hospital, he was attended by an in-house physician who was an internist. He was also seen by the internist's resident, his intern, and the vascular surgeon's resident.

As part of the exam, the surgical resident ordered PA and lateral chest films. This chest X-ray was taken, and a right upper lobe nodular density was noticed. The radiologist recommended oblique views or CT scan for further evaluation.

At his disposition, the surgical resident testified that, while the official interpretation of the report was not immediately available, he spoke to the radiologist and noted these findings in the record so that they would be available to the Plaintiff's other physicians.

In spite of this chart entry based on the radiology results, no one compared the chest X-rays with old films, nor did anyone tell the patient about the abnormality and did not order any further follow-up. Moreover, a subsequent note by an intern noted that the chest X-ray was "clear."

The radiologist report listed the resident as the "requester" and the vascular surgeon as the "physician." Deposition testimony taken pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. 30(b)(6) confirmed that the standard practice at the time was for the final radiology report to be sent to both the "requester" and the "physician." The "requester" claimed that he had satisfied his obligation by making a notation in the record and by orally telling another physician about the finding.

The other physician denied being told anything about a possible lung nodule. The vascular surgeon denied receiving the radiology report and implied that it had been lost through an administrative problem on the part of the hospital. The discharging physicians did not remember the case, but testified that the written radiology report probably had not been placed in the patient's medical record by the time he was discharged.

When the plaintiff was discharged, the discharge note signed by the attending internist and his resident indicated that he was ruled out for myocardial infarction and that his symptoms were more likely gastrointestinal in origin.

For the next four years, the patient was followed by his vascular surgeon. At no time during this period did the surgeon or any other physician inform him of the existence of the suspicious X-rays or order any follow-up testing to determine whether he had a malignancy in his lung.

Four years later, the patient was admitted again to the hospital with a two-month history of coughing up blood. Diagnostic evaluation revealed adenocarcinoma of the right upper lung — the same location as the suspicious lung nodule identified in the August 1990 X-rays. He underwent right upper lobectomy and post-operatively he did well until February of 1995.

Diagnostic evaluation revealed recurrent lung cancer. In spite of adjuvant therapy, he succumbed to metastatic non-small cell carcinoma of the lung in March 1996.

The case settled prior to trial for \$700,000.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

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Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno's "Legal Memo" is a regular feature of the Agawam Advertiser News...

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E.B's Opens "Express" In Chicopee



ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, E.B's Specialty Chicken Restaurant of Agawam held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new "Express Take Out & Delivery" in Chicopee. In addition to this locale, E.B's has an "Express" franchise in Westfield. IN PHOTO ABOVE: Attendees at the ribbon-cutting. IN PHOTO BELOW: The staff and management of the Chicopee franchise. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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IN LEFT PHOTO: Ed Borgatti, Jr. (center), president of E.B's Franchise Development, with the owners of E.B's new locale in Chicopee - Michael Dorval (left) and Edward White. IN RIGHT PHOTO (from left to right): Ed Borgatti, Sr. (founder of E.B's Restaurant), Ed Borgatti, Jr., Edward White, Michael Dorval, and Suzanne Cummings (Robert Ames Franchise Services). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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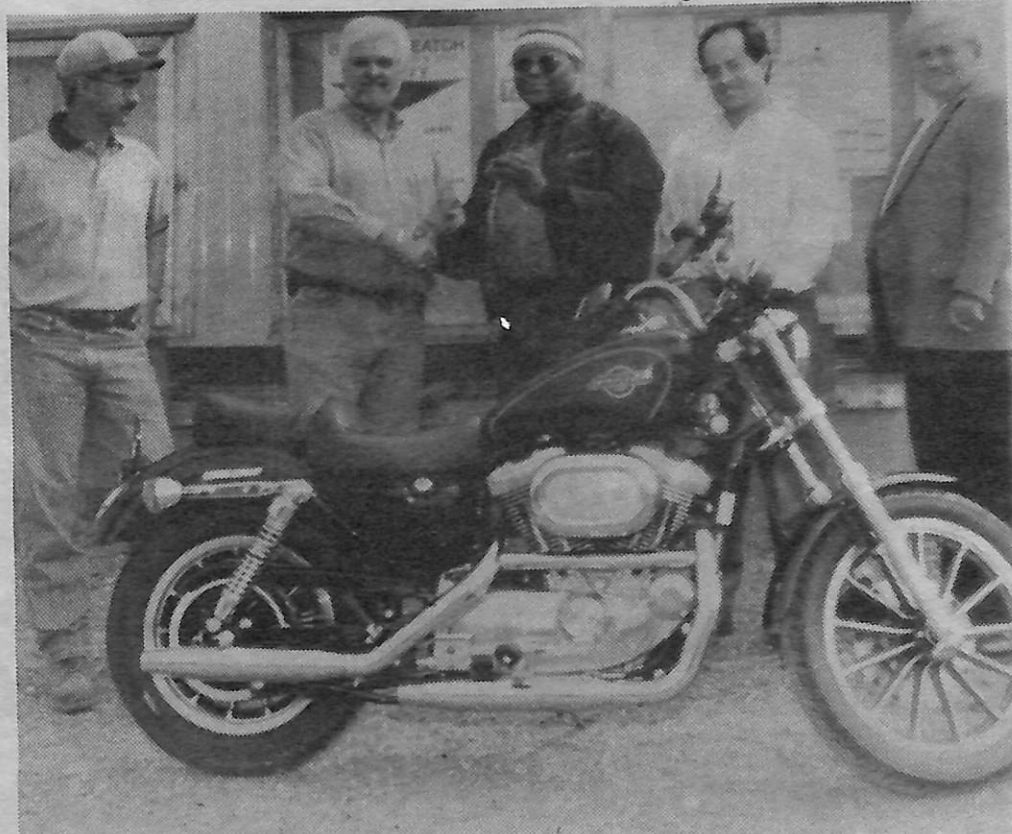
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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Donation For Women's Shelter**

FITNESS FIRST recently presented a check for \$2,000 to the New Beginnings Women's Shelter in Westfield. The money was a result of proceeds from the Sixth Annual Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament at Shaker Farms Country Club. The check was presented in memory of Fitness First's former Aquatic Director, Vicki Sleeper, who was a victim of domestic violence. Pictured above are Fitness First Marketing Director, Denise Moffatt; New Beginnings Counselor, Denise VonMarshall; and Kurt Welker, owner of Fitness First.

Thanks For The "Cycle"!!!

IN RECOGNITION OF AN OUTSTANDING SAFETY RECORD, Black & Veatch Construction (the construction contractor for Berkshire Power) donated a new Harley Davidson sportster to Anson Botas (center of photo), a local union pipefitter who worked on the project. Looking on are (from left to right) Mark Green, Black & Veatch Safety Manager; Joe Brazeale, Black & Veatch Site Manager; Frank Basile, Project Manager of Berkshire Power; and Ed Rohan, Business Manager for Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 104. Advertiser News

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Heidi A. Young Named Spfld. Branch Mgr. Of Hampden Savings

Hampden Savings Bank recently appointed Heidi A. Young as Manager of its Full Service Office (FSO) at 19 Harrison Avenue in Springfield.

A graduate of American International College, Ms. Young has been with the Bank since 1994 and previously worked at its Allen Street FSO. She was then promoted to Customer Service Supervisor for the Downtown Springfield FSO and has experience in all areas of retail banking.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Travel Talk...**

by Lori Keeley, CTC
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**More New Cruise Ships?
Royal Caribbean "Vision Of The Seas"**

On September 19, 1998, my husband and I had the opportunity to sail and tour on Royal Caribbean's newest ship, the "Vision of the Seas."

This ship was introduced into service in April 1998 and has been sailing European itineraries for the past five months. She made her debut into the United States just this month, and what a beautiful ship.

Weighing in at 70,000,000 tons, the Vision is a beauty. From the time we boarded until we left (24 hours later), we tried to cover every inch of the ship and check out all the facilities. I can't go into detail, but there are some features about the Vision that I would like to mention.

First of all, this ship will sail this winter in the Caribbean on 10- and 11-night cruises. I feel this ship is for the more serious cruiser who likes and appreciates fine art, fine dining, and longer itineraries.

The entertainment was wonderful and very professional. Getting around was very easy, and I highly recommend this ship for anyone who is physically disabled. Hallways were wide, and elevators were plenty (with easy access to and from decks).

The solarium, with its indoor pool, is great for those who like to relax and swim without the harsh effects of the sun. We even had some luck in the casino, which is open until 3:00 a.m.

The "Vision of the Seas" is a great choice for those of you who are thinking about your winter vacation. Call me and I can tell you more about this beautiful ship.

Our next Broadway show is "Ragtime" on November 22nd. The price is \$102 per person.

We will depart from Alvin's in Agawam at 8:30 a.m. The show is a 3:00 p.m. matinee, and the seats are in the dress circle. Call for more details...

If you have any questions or concerns regarding travel, you can write to Lori Keeley, Travel Connections, LTD, 10 Chestnut Street, West Springfield, MA 01089. Thanks for reading *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

Lori Keeley's "Travel Talk" is a regular feature of the ADVERTISER NEWS...

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**Home Selling Tips...**

If you're thinking of selling your home, keep in mind that buyers appreciate a clean look in the homes they view. You can increase the value of your home and decrease the time it takes to sell by making a few simple improvements.

Aroma is the first thing prospective buyers notice when they step inside a home. To eliminate odors, steam clean your carpet and wash walls and floors with household cleaners and disinfectants.

Keep your home smelling fresh by burning candles or potpourri, boiling a pot of cinnamon sticks, or putting a dab of vanilla on cold light bulbs before turning them on.

Nothing makes a home look newer faster than painting. Painting your walls and removing outdated wallpaper may be the best interior improvements you can make. For broader appeal, paint in neutral colors such as beige, white, off-white, or gray. These colors suggest newness and cleanliness and can brighten a dull or outdated room.

If your carpet is badly worn, outdated, or stained, consider replacing it. If your carpet is heavily soiled, you may want to have it professionally cleaned. Brighten the interior of your home by cleaning your windows and opening your curtains to let light in. Clean hanging light fixtures and add the highest-wattage bulbs allowed.

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Headaches AREN'T Normal...

On October 31, 1995, the Council on Chiropractic Guidelines and Practice Parameters provided input to the chronic headache panel of the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR).

You make recall from a past column of mine that AHCPR is a U.S. government agency. It made some remarkable statements regarding contemporary treatment for low back pain. In a follow-up segment, chiropractic was recognized on a "Good Morning, America" broadcast as an effective treatment for back pain.

The Council provided over 200 studies that support the effectiveness of chiropractic manipulation for all types of headaches. The AHCPR panel will take into account the public hearings as they begin to develop the first draft of the headache practice guidelines.

What is the chiropractic approach to the treatment of headaches? It is a drugless method which emphasizes the relationship of structure to function.

Neck vertebrae, when properly aligned and functioning, allow the normal cervical lordosis (a smooth, gradual, forward curve when viewed from the side) to support the head. This forward curve is one of three primary curves of the spinal column.

Falls, jolts, and other stresses alter this important curve, making the neck vulnerable to stresses. The result may be headaches that continually recur. Chiropractic treatment often provides the relief.

If headache problems persist, call the **SCHLAFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE, 192 Shoemaker Lane, (413) 789-1369**. We care about you!

Support Group For Parents Of Children With ADHD

The Agawam Counseling Center is offering a group for parents of children with ADHD.

The group will provide support and information for parents. Participants will have a chance to share ideas with each other, along with learning about new ideas and resources about how to meet the challenges of parenting a child with ADHD.

The group will meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:20 p.m. for eight weeks, starting in October. The meetings will be held at the Agawam Counseling Center, 30 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

The group will be led by Nancy Jessup, LICSW, a clinician and school counselor with many years of experience working with children and their families.

For more information, contact the Agawam Counseling Center at 786-6410.

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Free Screenings For Depression To Be Offered At Noble

Mental health professionals from the Fowler Wing at Noble Hospital will offer local residents the opportunity to learn about the signs and symptoms of depression/manic-depressions and to participate in a free screening as part of National Depression Screening Day, Thursday, October 8th.

The free program will be held at 4:00 p.m. at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield. Seating is limited. Pre-registration is required. To register or for additional information, call (413) 568-2811, ext. 5550.

National Depression Screening Day, held each year during Mental Illness Awareness Week, was developed by Harvard psychiatrist, Dr. Douglas Jacobs. Last year, more than 85,000 people attended screenings at 3,000 sites nationwide. National Depression Screening Day inaugurated the concept of screening for mental illness when it began in 1991.

Participants at the Fowler Wing's Depression Screening will hear a brief talk on the causes, symptoms, and treatments of depression/manic-depression followed by a short video. Individuals will anonymously complete a written screening test for depression and have the opportunity to discuss the results with a mental health professional.

Depression and manic-depression strike more than 17 million Americans each year, according to figures from the National Institute of Mental Health. Fewer than half of them, however, actually seek treatment even though treatment can help 80 to 90 percent of those affected.

Common symptoms of depression include feelings of hopelessness, worthlessness, restlessness, irritability, changes in sleep and appetite, loss of energy, and thoughts of death or suicide. Manic-depression includes feelings of euphoria or agitation.

"We hope that this nationwide effort to provide mental health screenings for depression/manic-depression will educate the public about the signs and symptoms of these illnesses and encourage those who may be suffering to seek evaluation and treatment," said National Depression Screening Day Project Director, Dr. Douglas Jacobs.

National Depression Screening Day is sponsored on a national level by the American Psychiatric Association, National Mental Health Association, National Institute of Mental Health, McLean Hospital, National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association.

The program is also supported in part by an educational grant from Eli Lilly and Company, with additional funding provided by Abbott Laboratories, Charter Behavioral Systems, and Solvay Pharmaceuticals.

Cosmetic Surgery Program At Noble

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesdays, October 20th and November 17th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At Noble Hospital.

Gary E. Russolillo, MD, will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.



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Getting A Massage For The First Time

by Sharon Broggi
Massage Therapist

Getting a massage for the first time is something people are often slightly anxious about - no matter how excited or pleased they might also be. That feeling is quite normal and it usually dissipates after the first few minutes. If you have decided to get a massage for the first time, congratulations!

When you go in for your first massage, you will often be asked to fill out a brief intake form. This is so your therapist will know what kind of work you want - just relaxation or some specific work on that stiff shoulder or achy back. The intake form also looks somewhat at your medical history - your therapist needs to know if you have some specific problems or are taking drugs that could affect the massage.

Tell the therapist anything you think they should know. Massage increases the blood flow, which is wonderful in most cases, but could be harmful for certain conditions. If you feel that there may be any health questions, check with your doctor before making an appointment.

Whether or not your therapist remembers to tell you, your feedback is always important. We want your experience with massage to be the best it can be, so tell us how the pressure is feeling or if you still feel as though the back needs more attention before the legs get worked on. Your massage time is supposed to be devoted to what you need, so don't let us be carried away by our perception of what this is. There is a certain amount of negotiation here - in my experience, a massage is one of the shortest hours ever. There isn't always enough time to do a thorough job on the entire body, so set priorities. The point is that it is your priorities that should take precedence - the feet that are killing you or your stiff neck. Only you know which bothers you more.

A massage client is always draped for both warmth and modesty. Only the part that is being worked on is exposed. The draping is held to protect your privacy when you turn over. Many clients choose to receive massage in the nude, and many others choose to leave on their underwear or even wear a pair of shorts. Some people prefer to receive a massage fully dressed. Shiatsu and chair massage are two of the better modalities for that option. What you decide is entirely up to you based on your comfort level. It is much more important that you are comfortable than that you conform to anyone else's idea of how to receive a massage.

During your massage, try to concentrate on breathing. That is one of the most powerful techniques to help improve the experience. Exhalation is wonderful for helping you sink into the table and feel your body melting. If there is one thing you can do to multiply the benefits of massage, it is mindful breathing. Just sink down under the pressure, let go, and enjoy.

I love giving clients their first professional massage. It can be such a life-enhancing experience that many clients wonder how they could have gone so long without having one. I encourage you to try it for yourself.

Sharon Broggi is a massage therapist and the owner of Touch of Comfort Massage Therapy, located in the offices of Hampden County Chiropractic. She works by appointment only and can be reached at 786-4820.



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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

National Cancer Institute Urges Families To Taste A World Of Variety

*With Today's Wide Selection, It's Easy To Eat
Five Or More Servings Of Fruits & Vegetables A Day*

American food trends have often reflected the cuisines of growing populations. As European immigrants poured into Eastern ports at the beginning of the century, strudel and spaghetti gradually made their way into American cookbooks.

Today, as the country experiences its second great wave of immigration, the face of the American family's everyday diet is changing again — this time quickly and dramatically.

These new Americans come overwhelmingly from Latin America, Asia, and Eastern Europe, bringing new American methods and ingredients for preparing fruits and vegetables. Last week, during National 5 A Day Week 1998 (September 13th-19th), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) encouraged everyone to "Taste a World of Variety."

"With such a wide selection of fruits and vegetables, and so many ways to prepare and enhance them, American families have more choices than ever for eating 5 A Day," says Gloria Stables, M.S., R.D., director of NCI's 5 A Day for Better Health program. "A whole world of flavors and preparation ideas can be found from diverse cultures here in the United States."

NCI assembled a team of 5 A Day Ambassadors to represent quickly growing immigrant populations, creating simple and creative dishes for American families to enjoy.

The Ambassadors' recipes show how easy (and fun) it is to incorporate different flavors and tastes with easy-to-find ingredients. And their recipes serve as an introduction to fruits and vegetables such as plantains and red lentils, which are increasingly common in supermarkets.

In addition, NCI has developed some easy tips for maintaining a "cross-cultural kitchen" that easily met the 5 A Day Challenge during National 5 A Day Week. For example:

- Saute steamed broccoli with a teaspoon of peeled, grated ginger root and minced garlic for an Asian-inspired side dish.
- Try lush, Caribbean fruits for dessert, like mangoes, star fruit, and papayas.
- Add 1/4 cup of golden raisins or dried apricots to rice or couscous for an Indian influence.

All varieties of fruits and vegetables (fresh, frozen, canned, dried, and juice) counted toward 5 A Day, and a serving is smaller than many people think.

One serving can be a medium piece of fruit; 1/2 cup of cooked, canned, or cut-up vegetables or fruit; a cup of chopped lettuce and other raw leafy vegetables; 3/4 cup (6 oz.) of 100-percent fruit or vegetable juice; 1/2 cup of canned legumes (beans and peas); or 1/4 cup dried fruit.

Recent data from NCI shows that Americans' awareness of the need to eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables a day for overall health is at 39 percent, an all-time high. Among women in particular, 50 percent know of the need to eat 5 A Day.

For information on nutrition and cancer, consumers can call NCI's Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER, or visit the 5 A Day homepage at <http://www.dccps.nci.nih.gov/5aday>. During National 5 A Day Week 1998 (September 13th-19th), consumers could access the homepage to see the Ambassadors' recipes and hear audio soundbites from them.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association. She can be reached at (413) 786-2957.

Nancy Dell's column,
"Food for Thought,"
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Upcoming Support Groups And Programs Offered By Noble Hospital In Westfield

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, September 30th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

COURSES/CLINICS/PROGRAMS:

Open House at Barnes Municipal Airport in Westfield, MA: Saturday, October 3rd, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free admission.

Featuring aerobatics demonstrations, static

displays, hot air balloons, powered parachutes, hang gliding, skydiving, RC motors, antique cars, food, and entertainment for the entire family.

34th Noble Hospital Auxiliary Ball - "Autumn Leaves": Saturday, October 24th. At the School Street Bistro.

The ball will feature music by "Mass Confusion," and proceeds from this event will benefit the proposed Women's Health Center at Noble Hospital.

To find out more information about attending the event or how to help sponsor the 34th Noble Hospital Auxiliary Ball, call the Volunteer Services Department at Noble Hospital at 572-5030.

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Arts



GLORIA MCLELLAN will be the guest artist at the Agawam Community Artists' October 1st meeting.

Agawam Community Artists To Feature Local Artist At Mtg.

Gloria McLellan, a member of the Agawam Community Artists, will demonstrate the art of cut-and-pierce lampshade construction on Thursday, October 1st, at 7:00 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

A lifelong resident, Gloria is a well-known decorative ware instructor. For 35 years, her many classes have shared in her extensive knowledge in the field of Decorative Arts. Reverse Glass Painting, Theorems, Floorcloth Design, and Oil Painting are but a few areas she enthusiastically shares with her students.

While studying with Beverly Kaiser of Cape Cod, Gloria became interested in watercolors. In 1993, she won Best of Show and People's Choice for her beautiful garden and landscape watercolors at the Agawam Community Artists' annual art show.

Under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council, meetings and demonstrations of the Agawam Community Artists are free and open to the public. For additional information regarding the Agawam Community Artists or any of the artists that have been featured in their schedule of monthly programs, please call Florida Tangocci at 786-3689.

Program On Polish Genealogy At Conn. Valley Museum

Are you tracing your Polish ancestry? If so, plan to attend the Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society meeting at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7th.

After a short business meeting, Joanna Mendrek Boutin will speak on Polish genealogy and sources of genealogical information from the perspective of her research into her own ancestry. As part of her presentation, she will display general reference material on Polish genealogy, surnames, and heraldry.

As usual, the genealogical library will open at 5:00 p.m. for member research.

Members are reminded that renewals are due for the 1998-1999 organization year, and are required in order to be included in the membership list in the fall issue of *The Elm*.

For more information, contact (413) 534-7406.

63rd Season Of Spfld. Public Forums Set To Begin October 6th

The 63rd season of the Springfield Public Forum Series will commence Tuesday, October 6th, with political analyst Jeff Greenfield as speaker.

The celebrity lectures will be held in Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield at 7:30 p.m. and will be open to all free of charge. No other series in the country can equal the Public Forums for longevity, continuity, and the caliber of speakers — all on a cost-free basis.

Jeff Greenfield's talk is entitled "A Political Update with Jeff Greenfield." He will be followed on Thursday, October 15th, by **David Breashears**, mountaineer, adventurer, and photographer whose portrayal of the tragic Mt. Everest ascent in May of 1996 is now running in the 40 Omni/Imax theaters throughout the world.

On Wednesday, October 28th, **Dr. Bob Arnot**, charismatic medical correspondent for NBC, will focus on the controversial issue of managed care.

The series will conclude on Thursday, November 5th, with the third Forum appearance of **Jane Bryant Quinn**, personal finance columnist, whose writing appears in *Newsweek* and the *Springfield Union News*.

The series is made possible on a "free to the public" basis by co-sponsorships with corporate and educational institutions, program advertising, and series memberships. Individual membership run from \$10 to \$300, with a business category offered at \$100 to \$1,000. All new and upgraded memberships will be matched by SIS Bank through the "Forum Friends '98" campaign.

All members are invited to meet the speakers at receptions in the Mahogany Room of Symphony Hall. Those with memberships at \$50 and over may attend dinners with the speakers on a cost basis. They will be given passes to park in the I-91 South Garage at no charge.

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WENDY BIRCHALL

Wendy Birchall Of Agawam To Appear In "Blood Brothers"

Agawam resident Wendy Birchall will be appearing in the Theater Project's production of the musical drama *Blood Brothers* at the Majestic Theater in West Springfield.

Birchall will portray Linda in the Willy Russell play, which will run September 24th through October 24th. Birchall's previous stage roles have been the Cat in *Pinocchio*, Frenchy in *Grease*, and Joanne in *Godspell*.

The Theater Project is a professional non-Equity organization that has staged CTA Festival Award-winning productions in 1992, 1993, and 1994. In addition, it has received numerous honors, including Best Production in the Pioneer Valley in 1995 for *To Kill a Mockingbird* and in 1994 for *The Winds of Fashioning Time*, Eaton's original play, inspired by the death house letters of Ethel Rosenberg.

Tickets for *Blood Brothers* range from \$11 to \$21, depending on the time of performance, and can be purchased by calling the box office at (413) 747-7797. Box office hours are Saturday (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.), Tuesday/Thursday/Friday (2:00 to 5:00 p.m.), and Wednesday (4:00 to 8:00 p.m.).

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1 teaspoon light margarine
¼ cup finely chopped onion
1 pound crabmeat, all cartilage removed
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Whites of 4 large eggs, stiffly beaten*
2 tablespoons grated or shredded Parmesan cheese
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
Spray a 9x9 inch ovenproof casserole dish with vegetable oil spray. Set aside.

In a small saucepan, melt margarine over medium-high heat. Add onion and saute for 2 to 3 minutes, or until soft.

Transfer onions to a medium bowl and stir in crabmeat, mustard, and Worcestershire sauce. Gently fold in beaten egg whites. Pour mixture into casserole dish and sprinkle with cheese.

Bake for 25 minutes, or until puffed and lightly browned. Remove from oven and cut into rectangles. Serve immediately. Serves 5.

*Even a single drop of egg yolk will prevent egg whites from rising, so separate eggs carefully.

Nutrient Analysis Per Serving

120 kcal calories; 21 gm protein; 2 gm carbohydrate; 86 mg cholesterol; 411 mg sodium; 3 gm total fat; 1 gm saturated fat; 1 gm polyunsaturated fat; 1 gm monounsaturated fat.

BAKLAVA

1 cup raisins (5 to 6 ounces)
½ cup finely chopped pecans or walnuts, dry-roasted (about 1 oz.)
8 sheets phyllo dough, thawed
Butter-flavor vegetable oil spray
½ cup honey
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon acceptable* margarine, melted
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In a small bowl, mix raisins and nuts. Set aside. Lightly spray every other sheet of phyllo with vegetable oil spray, stacking all the sheets.

Spread raisin-nut mixture over the phyllo, leaving a 1-inch border on all sides. Drizzle with honey and sprinkle with cinnamon.

Starting on a long side, roll lengthwise, jelly-roll fashion, and place, seam side down, on a nonstick baking sheet, making sure the ends of the roll are tucked under.

Brush the top lightly with margarine. Cut through the pastry to the raisin-nut mixture, at 1½-inch intervals, to provide vents for steam to escape.

Bake for 20 to 30 minutes, or until light golden brown. Slice, using vent lines as guides. Serves 12.

*Select margarine with liquid vegetable oil as the first ingredient and no more than 2 grams of saturated fat per tablespoon.

Nutrient Analysis Per Serving

156 calories; 2 gm protein; 32 gm carbohydrate; 0 mg cholesterol; 65 mg sodium; 3 gm total fat; 0 gm saturated fat; 1 gm polyunsaturated fat; 2 gm monounsaturated fat.

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Grant Applications Available From Cultural Council

Applications for the Agawam Cultural Council's arts and humanities grants are available at the Agawam Public Library and the Agawam Town Hall.

Grant applications will be accepted until October 15th. The Agawam Cultural Council will then review all applications in order to distribute the funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Funds will be available for 1999 activities.

Further information may be obtained by calling 786-1859.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in or faxed to us on Mondays.

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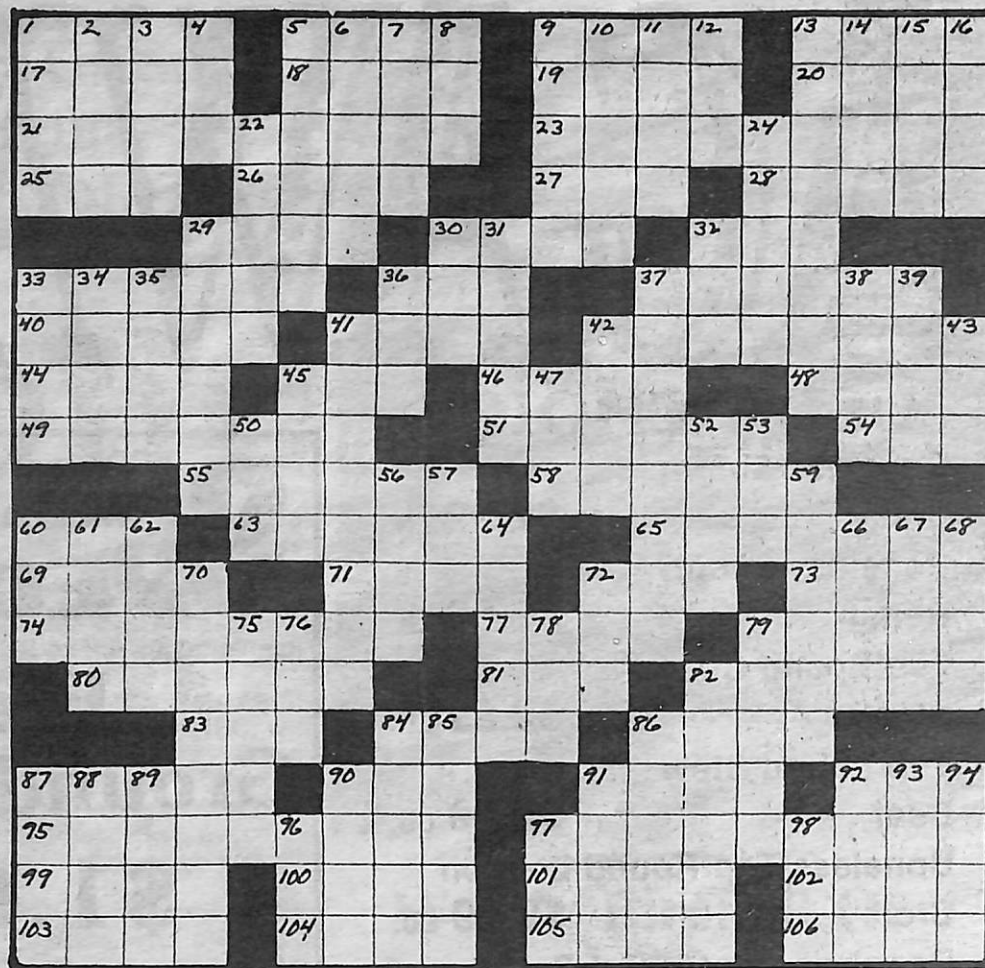
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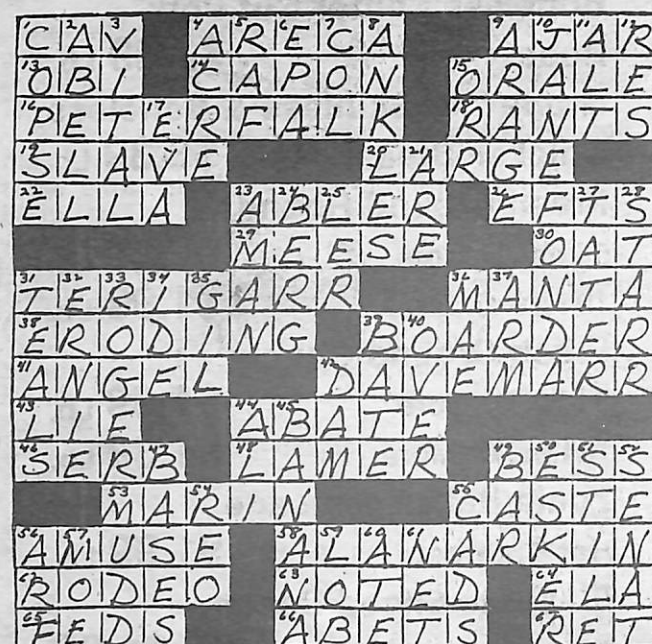
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Student Employees Awarded Scholarships From Riverside Park

Riverside Park awarded \$42,500 through the Edward J. Carroll, Sr. Scholarship Fund to 35 selected employees. All winners were honored at a special dinner on Wednesday, September 16th at the Chateau Provost in Chicopee, MA.

The 1998 Edward J. Carroll Scholarships marks the eighth year that Riverside has recognized and honored its academic-minded employees. Since its inception in 1991, Riverside has presented over \$150,000 to qualified recipients.

"Riverside Park is proud of the fact that we can offer these scholarships. The 35 scholarship winners are perfect examples that hard work, community service, and a strong desire to pursue education are the backbone to a successful future. We're very fortunate to have these individuals as employees," said Ron Severt, Director of Marketing for Riverside Park.

Qualifications for the winners included academic achievement of a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average, two letters of recommendation, positive community involvement, and financial need. Applicants were also required to submit a written essay explaining their personal and educational goals and the ways in which the scholarship would help them to achieve their objectives.

Among this year's scholarships were the following area residents:

*** From Agawam -**

Amy Kathryn Bilodeau, Stefanie Domaingue, Lindy Anne Gage, Jill Ann Pavelcsyk, and Tammy Lynne Washburn.

*** From Feeding Hills -**

Megan Berry, Chris Coelho, Lonnie DeLuca, Pamela Marie Eaton, Amanda Limbert, Shannon Netopski, and Daryl St. Laurent.



PICTURED ABOVE ARE some of the students who are employed by Riverside Park and recently received scholarships from the park's Edward J. Carroll, Sr. Scholarship Fund. These recipients were honored at a special dinner at Chateau Provost in Chicopee and include student employees from Agawam and Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Don't Try A Half-Nelson On That Van!!!"



LAST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, the Agawam High School Wrestling Booster Club held a fundraising car wash on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Junior High PTO To Hold Meeting On Mon., Sept. 28th

The Agawam Junior High School PTO welcomes seventh- and eighth-grade students and their parents to the 1998-99 school year.

Officers for this year include Sue Hamlett, president; Leslie Young, 1st vice president and fundraiser coordinator; Mary Lee Bertrand, 2nd vice president; Deb Sekula, treasurer; and Paula Figella, Secretary.

All parents with children at the Junior High School are automatically members of the PTO. The first meeting of this year's PTO will be held on Monday, September 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All interested parents and teachers are invited to attend. Subsequent meetings will be held on the last Monday of the month.

Kick-off of the QSP Fundraiser will be held on September 24th. The students will be selling magazines, CD's, and tapes. This is the only fundraiser we do all year, so please help support our school activities.

Look for future PTO news in *The Agawam Advertiser* as well as posted on the school entrance sign and on the Junior High School's website.



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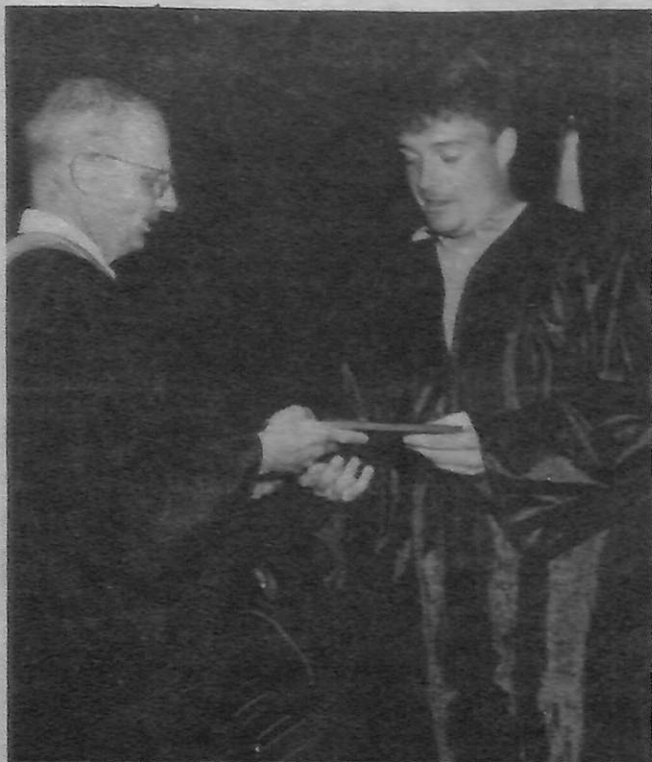
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JOHN MUSTAIN (right), the first student to attain a GPA of 4.0 in STCC's Civil Engineering program since the program began 28 years ago.

John Mustain Breaks 28-Year History At STCC In Springfield

John (Jay) Mustain, the son of John and Shirley Mustain of Holland Drive, Agawam, graduated from Agawam High School in 1986. He attended UMass and Florida State for his undergraduate courses.

He received a bachelor's degree from Western New England College in Business Administration. In 1998, he received a degree in Civil Engineering from STCC.

He is the first student since the program's inception 28 years ago to obtain a perfect quality point average of 4.0. He received the Rosewell Lee Design Award, which further recognized his outstanding achievements.

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Low-Cost College Loans Still Available For 1998-88

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan and officials from the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA) are pleased to announce that low-interest rate loans are still available for the 1998-99 academic year despite exceptional demand.

The MEFA Loan is a 15-year loan that has no application fees, no federal red tape, and no prepayment penalty charges. The interest rate for the MEFA loan is among the lowest available nationwide. Also, MEFA is offering low-cost loans to Massachusetts residents attending colleges or universities outside the Commonwealth.

The MEFA Loan Program is designed to help families who do not receive enough financial aid from traditional sources and who need assistance financing college costs.

Anyone interested in receiving an application or more information should contact MEFA at 1-800-449-MEFA, or Rep. Keenan at 786-4545.

Bradford W. Tilden At Amherst College

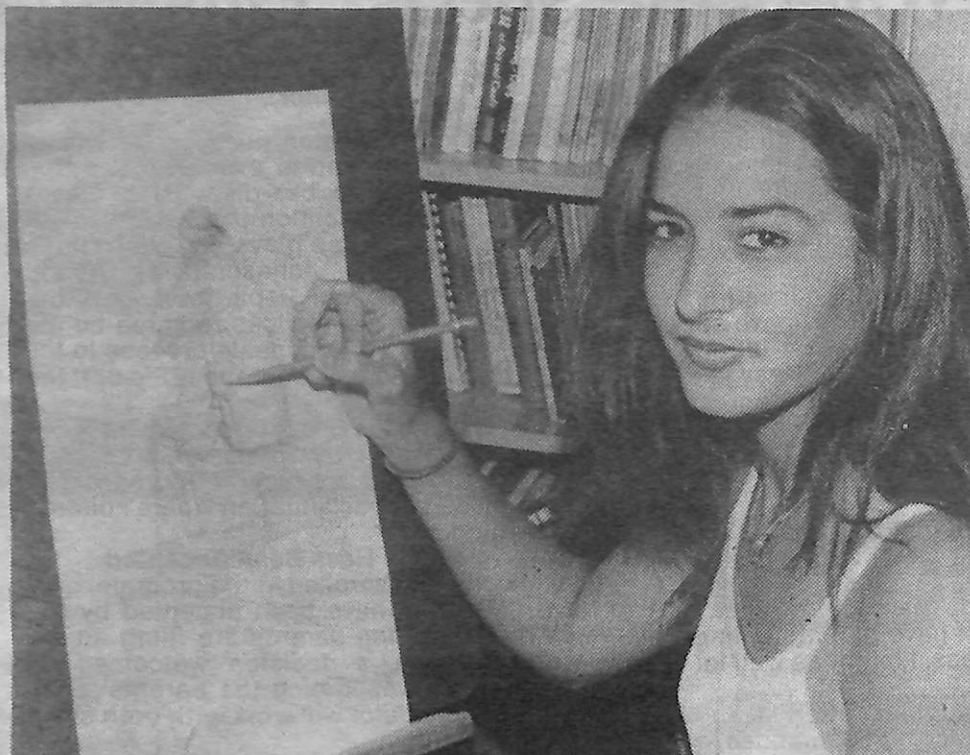
Bradford W. Tilden, son of Peter and Grace Tilden of Agawam, enrolled recently as a freshman at Amherst College in Amherst, Mass.

Tilden, a graduate of Agawam High School, is one of 440 new freshmen entering the independent liberal arts college in Western New England this fall.

Founded in 1821, Amherst is a highly selective, coeducational liberal arts college with 1,640 students from most of the 50 states and many foreign countries.

Undergraduates are the center of institutional life at Amherst and have the first claim on computer resources, library books, laboratory space, and the attention of professors, deans, and counselors. The facilities and faculty are comparable to those provided graduate students elsewhere, but at Amherst these resources are devoted entirely to undergraduates.

AHS' "Art Student Of The Month" For Sept.



KRISTINA MIDURA (left), a resident of Agawam for five years and a freshman at Agawam High School, is the "Art Student of the Month" for September. She is the oldest of five children and the daughter of David Midura and Alexandra Schoolcraft. Kristina enjoys playing soccer, basketball, and softball, chatting "online," as well as drawing. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam High's Class Of 1973 To Hold 25th Reunion In November

It sure doesn't seem like 25 years have gone by!!! The Agawam High School's Class of 1973 25-year reunion will be held at the Log Cabin in Holyoke, November 27th at 6:30 p.m. sharp!

This elegant affair will be entertained by the BRASS ATTACK eight-piece band. The invitations have been sent out and many classmates are still missing. **All R.S.V.P.'s are needed back now to insure your reservation.**

ABSOLUTELY NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Other classes, faculty, and friends are welcome to join us.

If you can help locate any of the following missing classmates or have any class memorabilia or old photos, please contact Susan Borgatti Meunier at 786-6669 or Steve Richter at 569-3214.

David Ainsworth, Kevin Armstrong, Lisa Bazano Sibilia, Chip Benson, David Blanch, Robert Bouley, John Brame, Lorraine Brazeau, Thomas Brunelle, Constance Buynicki, Darlene Cardone, Lynn Cirillo, Claudia Cunningham, Richard Deblouis, Tom Folger, Candace Gallucci, Deb Gormley.

Nancy George, Susan Hamel, Lorie Harris, David Harriman, Steven Hebert, Nancy Hill, Joan Lavallo Battles, Linda MacPherson Schmidt, Fran Marchand, Harold Martin, Ann McCaffrey, Edward Meade, Dan Melbourne, Chris Muldrew.

Catherine Parent, Harold Potts, Karen Rawson, Jean Raymond, Jan Reynolds, Wendy Richard, Andrew Robbins, Ann Sapelli, Mark Scales, Donald Schebel, David Simmons, Richard Snow, Frank Talbot, Carol Walker, Larry Whittle, Ted Wislocki, Gary Woods.

Best local news with us ... AAN!!!

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 28th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven potato puffs with catsup, chilled peaches, milk.

Tuesday, September 29th: Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned green beans, chilled pineapple tidbits or lemon pudding with topping, milk.

Wednesday, September 30th: Rotini with meatsauce, Italian bread & butter, creamy cole slaw, chilled diced pears or raspberry jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, October 1st: Roast turkey with gravy on whipped potatoes, bread & butter, seasoned peas & carrots, peanut butter cookies, milk.

Friday, October 2nd: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, tossed garden salad with creamy dressing, apple crisp, milk.

(Tickets may be purchased on Monday in the elementary schools for the week. Meal price is \$1.10 daily. If paying by check, make check out to "Agawam School Lunch.")

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Mediator From State Dept. Of Education Will Settle Special Education Dispute

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The parents of five severely disabled children and school administrators agree on one thing: a mediator from the State Department of Education will be needed to settle their differences over the way the children receive the educational services mandated by their individual special needs.

At Tuesday night's School Committee meeting, parents aired some of the concerns they have addressed to the committee in a series of letters detailing their complaints over what they say is a fragmented and unorganized education program for their children as well as unprofessional, antagonistic behavior of Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruso during a meeting with parents and school administrators.

Ameruso said he is aware that the parents are angry with him and that their anger stems from a specific meeting.

"They feel their demands have to be met," Ameruso said. "But, I can't have parents telling me who should teach the class. I might as well let them be the superintendent."

Sean Collins, whose daughter attends the class, said the parents expected, not demanded, a response after sending Ameruso a letter describing their concerns about the classroom situation during the opening days of school.

"We expected a response, as any parent would expect a response," Collins said.

Frustrated and angry that the School Committee did not comply with their request to discuss the issues they have raised over the way the augmentative communication classroom at Clark School has been operating this year in open session, the parents vowed to follow the formal policy for placing items on the committee's agenda.

Pam S. Walters said, "They would not be treating us like this if we were regular education parents. This all would have been settled by now."

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson said he did not believe the committee could discuss the issues raised by

the parents in open session because personnel matters are only taken up in executive session, and confidentiality laws bar discussion of the children's individual education plans (IEP's).

"The School Committee plays no role in IEP's or in hiring the teachers," Johnson said. "Our job is to see that the School Department gets the resources to deliver the services required by the IEP's. There is a statutory appeals process to the state if the parents don't accept the IEP's or if the services aren't delivered."

The parents claim the School Department is doing nothing to correct the problems that have caused what had been a benchmark program to deteriorate into a chaotic situation where children are not learning.

Only Two IEP's Have Been Accepted

Of the six children enrolled in the program, only two have IEP's that have been accepted by the parents. The remaining parents are filing an appeal with the state, a decision welcomed by Ameruso. After investigating the parents' complaints, a state mediator will work with both sides to resolve the conflict.

"I am not at all adverse to a mediated situation," Ameruso said. "No matter what we do, we don't seem to satisfy the parents."

School administrators admit there have been problems with the program, including a turnover in the teaching staff each year since the program began three years ago. Also, the condition of the school due to construction delays and lack of classroom supplies, as well as some equipment on opening day, made the situation worse.

"I can't control a turnover in personnel," Ameruso said. "At the end of the year, we had to find somebody qualified and we hired a highly qualified teacher. Unfortunately, because the teacher had a summer job commitment, she could not meet with the parents ahead of time and she came in cold on the first day of school."

Carol Pietroniro, whose son attends the program, said the classroom was out of control and

while the teacher is qualified on paper, the classroom needs a teacher with more experience dealing with severely disabled children.

But, Ameruso said he has been working steadily with Special Education Director John Brosnan and Clark School Principal Sandra Howard to make improvements in the way the children receive services, and he is following their recommendation to add a full-time speech/language teacher to work with the Special Education teacher in order to create a full-time augmentative communication environment for the children.

Last year, their speech/language component was delivered twice a week. The classroom also has two full-time teaching assistants.

Ameruso said the Special Education teacher will be serving two roles in the classroom: teaching lessons and acting as an inclusion specialist accompanying the children who receive some of their instruction in mainstream classrooms, and making sure the lessons are appropriately adapted.

But, the parents think the answer is that the School Department needs to readvertise, covering a wider area, for a Special Education teacher with more experience. Also, the parents complained about a difference in philosophy in the way speech lessons are being taught.

When the program was developed three years ago, the parents were elated that their children would not have to be placed in out-of-district programs in order to receive the appropriate educational services. At the time, there were five children in the program. Although the children had varying abilities and disabilities, all had problems with speech and communication. The class program was organized around helping the children improve their communications skills.

"We need the program to have a base for our children to have friends and interact with their peers," Mrs. Pietroniro said.

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Jeffrey S. Ciempa Graduates With Honors From UConn

Jeffrey S. Ciempa graduated Cum Laude this past spring from the University of Connecticut. He double majored in Economics and Political Science while attending the university.

He served an internship at Merrill Lynch in New London, Connecticut, during his senior year, and is currently employed in the variable annuities department at Phoenix Mutual headquarters located in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

Jeff is a 1994 graduate of Agawam High School and the son of Stan & Betsy Ciempa of Elm Street, Agawam.

Big E Shuttle Service By AHS Band Parents

On the three weekends of The Big E, the Agawam High School Band Parents' Association will again sponsor hassle-free shuttle parking for The Big E at Agawam High School.

Shuttle parking will be available September 19th, 20th, 26th, and 27th and October 3rd and 4th. There will be no parking at the High School during the week.

All proceeds received from the \$4 parking fee will be used for the benefit of the Agawam High School Band. Shuttle buses will leave the high school parking lot every 30 minutes beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The last shuttle will leave The Big E at 10:00 p.m. The shuttle charge is \$1 each way for adults and 75 cents each way for children six through 12, payable to the bus driver. For those fairgoers parking at the High School, adult discount tickets for The Big E are available for \$10. This fee includes the round-trip shuttle fare.

This convenience to the fairgoer is provided by The Big E and the PVTA. Discount tickets are available upon payment of the parking fee. Fairgoers who have used shuttle parking in previous years have remarked over and over how convenient it was.

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Middle School PTO To Hold Meeting On Tuesday, Sept. 29th

The first Agawam Middle School PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 29th. This will be held in the school cafeteria from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

All parents are welcome to attend to find out about the programs that the PTO supports at the Middle School. The PTO needs the continuing support of the parents, so please think about the time that you might be able to give to support these programs.

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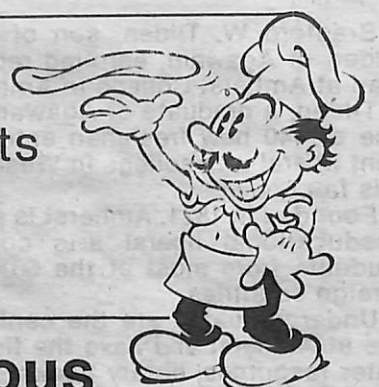
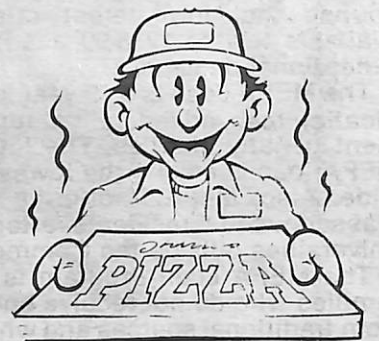
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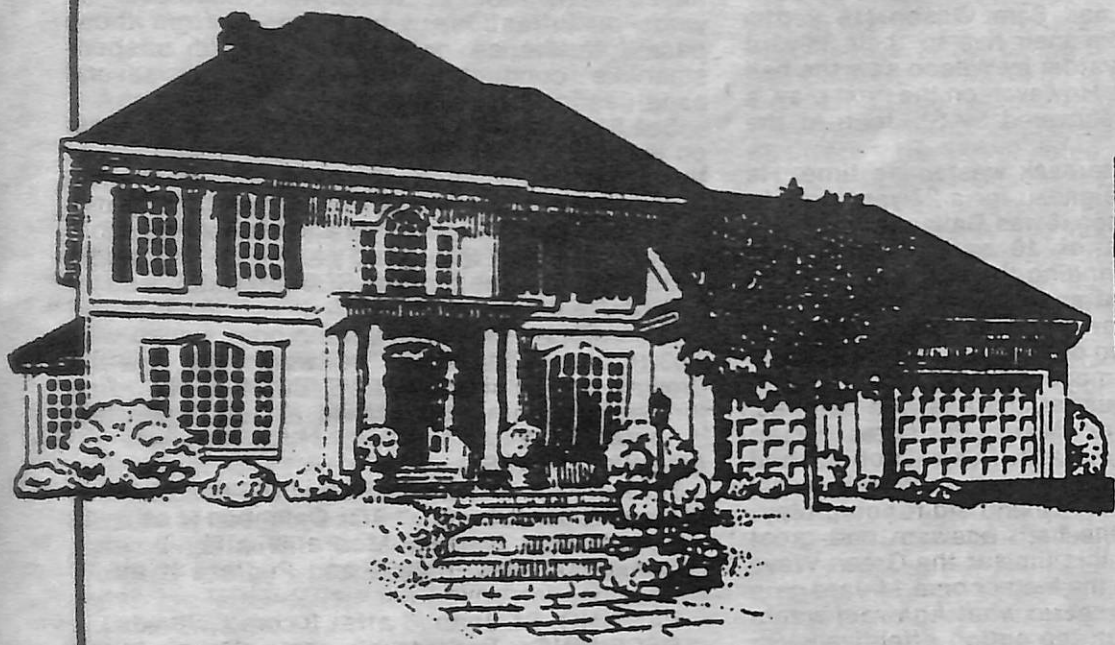
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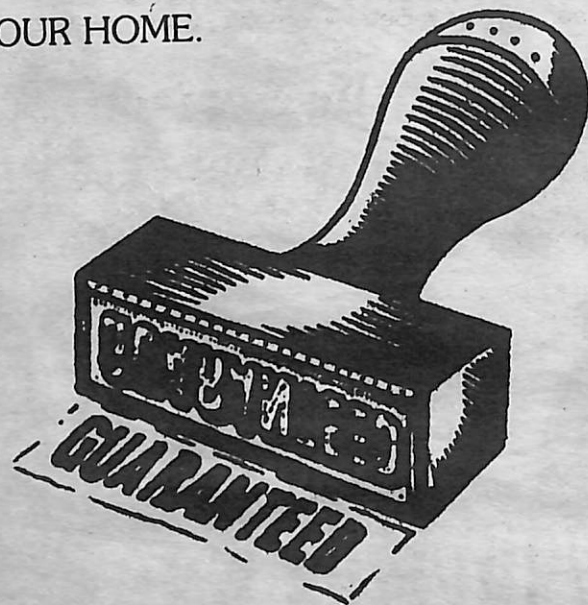
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Sports

Schoolboy Football - Agawam Vs Greenfield...

Brownies Ride The "Green Wave" For Season-Opening Victory, 22-8

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

If you love football and the way it's played, then you know the game can be like a painting. Sometimes it is played on the canvas of the gridiron with the vibrant quality of a Renoir, the subtlety of a Matisse, or the slashing energy of a Picasso.

Then again, it can be little more than a bunch of graffiti scrawls you find on tenement walls.

So it was in Agawam High's 22-8, season-opening independent win at Greenfield High last Friday night. The Brownies had 115 yards in penalties and they lost perhaps the best running back in Division I. It was somewhat ugly. But, in the end, no one is going to remember — not the players, the coaches, the fans, or the pundits — how it was won, only that it went into the record books as a positive number in the left-hand column for AHS.

The penalties were explained by Brownie Coach Dean Vecchiarelli as the product of a good week of practice and the fact that it was their opening game. "The kids were really pumped. It's tough for them when they are as ready to go as they were," he said.

The big injury was to running back Brian Gallagher, who had 22 carries for 169 yards and two TD's. On one of those runs, the big train rumbled for 46 yards, setting up the third Agawam score at the 6:38 mark of the third quarter. On his other big gain (a 20-yard effort up the middle with four minutes left in the game), he suffered a dislocated left shoulder.

"I was running well and put my head down to try and get something extra. The defensive back came up and gave me a good hit. I knew it was out as soon as he nailed me," the 6'2", 225-pounder explained. The injury will most likely keep him out of this Friday's home opener against a strong Longmeadow High team.

Agawam got the ball first and, because of a penalty, started marching backwards from its good field position, provided at the 40 by returner

Jason Daigneau. The Green Wave (or "Gang Green," as their fans call them) had it at their own 31 after a 44-yard punt by Brian St. Jean. They immediately coughed up the ball, which was recovered by the Brownies' Mike Wood, who had an outstanding game on defense.

Swapping Possessions In Green Wave Territory...

Both teams swapped possessions deep in Green Wave territory. Despite some hard hits by the Agawam defenders, some hard runs by Josh Roberts (15 yards) and Sam Wilson (15 yards) brought the ball from their five to their 35-yard line. Another seven-yarder by Wilson saw the ball on the Greenfield 42. However, on the next play, a Wave fumble was recovered by St. Jean at the Brownie 49.

St. Jean the quarterback wasted no time. He rolled out and hit Daigneau for a 27-yard gain to the Greenfield 24. Then it was Gallagher time. He produced two runs of 10 yards sandwiched around a no gain, bringing the ball to the Green Wave four and a first and goal. The second half dawned and the Brownies' fortunes brightened, with Gallagher bullying over for a four-yard TD. The St. Jean extra point made it 7-0, Agawam.

For much of the quarter, the Agawam defense, behind linebackers Marc Pedraza, Brian Gallagher, defensive back Ryan Drobot, and lineman Shawn Gloster (as well as Wood), gang-tackled on almost every Greenfield running play.

With 6:50 left in the half, Agawam had great field position again, this time at the Green Wave 46. Gallagher lugged the leather on a 14-yard gain to the 32. This effort set up what Agawam wants to do this year — run the option effectively. St. Jean did just that. He rolled out and while the defenders' attentions were on Gallagher, St. Jean legged 32 yards for the Brownies' second score of the game with 6:09 left. A fake extra point try saw Daigneau run it in and the Agawam lead swelled to 15-0.

Although the Brownie defense was dominating,

Greenfield actually smelled paydirt with one second left in the half after several Agawam pass interference calls brought them down to the Brownie two-yard line. But the Agawam "D" stacked them up and ended the threat.

AHS Kicks Off To Start Second Half...

The Brownies kicked off to start the second half. Greenfield got the ball on its own 20. Two Agawam penalties saw the ball advance to the host's 47. By that time, the Brownies had over 100 yards on infractions, which ranged from those pass interference calls to a pair of unsportsmanlike conduct misdemeanors, to several penalties for illegal procedure.

But St. Jean was there again. With Greenfield on its own 47, he made a leaping interception at the Agawam 29. Then, the Brownies went on a four-minute, seven-play, 71-yard drive, highlighted by the Gallagher 46-yard run and his second score of the game on a three-yard plunge up the middle with 6:06 left in the quarter. St. Jean's kick made it 22-0, visitors.

Greenfield's lone score came on a sweep with 3:03 to play in the third. The two-pointer saw the Brownies' lead shrink to 22-8. But it would go no further. Agawam now stands at 1-0. Greenfield dropped to 1-1.

AGAWAM STATS:

RUSHING: Gallagher (22 atts., 169 yds., 2 TD's), St. Jean (1 att., 32 yds., 1 TD), Daigneau (4 atts., 12 yds., one 2-pt. conv.), Moore (2 atts., 2 yds.), O'Connor (2 atts., 0 yds.), and Pedraza (1 att., 7 yds.).

PASSING: St. Jean (6 atts., 3 comp., 73 yds.).

RECEIVING: Pedraza (2 rec., 46 yds.) and Daigneau (1 rec., 27 yds.).

INTERCEPTIONS: St. Jean (1).

FUMBLE RECOVERIES: Wood, St. Jean, and Longtin.

Agawam's next foe will be the Longmeadow Lancers this Friday night at Harmon-Smith Field.

Three Cheers For The AHS Cheerleaders!



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: standing - Cathy Dickinson, Jenna Bodurtha, Heather Ferguson, Ella Atkins, Bianca Chase, Rachel Lara, Kelly Heiden, and Coach Kim Hebert; kneeling - Jessica Forni, Ashlee Lorraine, Kate Chmura, Michelle Beaudette, Michelle Heim, Lauren Piccin, Aimee Piccin, Lauren DeLuca, and Kari Trauschke. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Football Preview...

Brownies To Host Lancers Without Gallagher's Help

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For the second week in a row, the Agawam High football team will face a new opponent - the always tough Longmeadow High Lancers. They'll invade Harmon Smith Field Friday night at 7:00 p.m. for Agawam's home opener. Longmeadow is last year's Division II champion. They are 0-1 on the young season, losing 14-6 to powerful Cathedral last Saturday.

The Lancers feature an offense that is not big, but has some speed. Their main man when they have the ball will be Winston McGregor, a 5'9", 170-pound junior running back. Last week, out of the I, he ran for 67 yards on 11 carries against a tough Panther defense.

Another junior, 6', 160-pound quarterback Justin Vincent, doesn't have a lot of experience and isn't a strong passer. But he can run the offense, which saw its offensive backfield decimated by graduation.

They run a 5-2 and variations off of it on defense. They stay back, for the most part, forsaking the blitz in favor of filling the running lanes, according to AHS observers. The Brownies will have to contend with 6'1", 250-pound linebacker Tom Moran. Their defensive backs are solid, hard hitters led by 5'11" senior Dave O'Malley.

New Offensive Look For The Brownies

Agawam will find this game interesting. The Brownies have a totally new offensive look in the personnel department, mainly because of their season opener up at Greenfield. They lost All-Western Mass. performer Brian Gallagher to a separated left shoulder. He will be out at least two or three weeks.

"When his doctor gives him the okay, we'll strap him up as best we can. But without surgery, a shoulder separation is a tricky thing. It can pop out again at any time," AHS trainer Dave Stratton admitted. Coach Dean Vecchiarelli has made it clear that he won't play his big back/linebacker until he feels the kids is out of harm's way.

Agawam also will be without junior quarterback Brian St. Jean, who was asked to leave late in the Greenfield game because the officials said he was guilty of taunting. Under the MIAA rules, he'll have to sit out the Longmeadow contest.

To that end, 6', 150-pound running back Jason Daigneau will take over the controls. Daigneau is no stranger to quarterback. "I played that position in five games last year on the junior varsity. My record was four and one," he said.

The Brownies will also feature a new face at running back; tri-captain Marc Pedraza. The 6', 205-pound senior, usually a tight end on offense, doesn't have much experience in the backfield, but his overall athletic ability should make things easier for him when he gets the football.

They will also use four wideouts in the revamped offense: junior Scott Harlin, senior Ryan Longtin, senior Mike O'Connor, and junior Alan Almquist.

"We will still run our option, with Mike and Alan doing the bulk of the running," Daigneau said. He also noted that Pedraza will go out as a receiver in certain situations.

The Brownie defense, which showed flashes of brilliance against Greenfield, will no doubt be hurt by the absence of Gallagher, who won his All-Western Mass. spot at linebacker.

In JV Action...

AHS Football And Girls' Soccer Record Victories

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

JV FOOTBALL vs GREENFIELD: The Agawam High junior varsity beat Greenfield Monday (Sept. 21st) afternoon, 8-0. Junior running back Edwin Torres scored the touchdown. Sophomore Jeff Robinson ran for the two-point conversion.

JV GIRLS' SOCCER vs WEST SIDE: The junior varsity girls' soccer team beat West Side Monday night (Sept. 21st), 3-0, to run their record to 4-1. Sophomore Amy Jensen had two goals for the young Brownies. Freshman Jill Lawson had the other score.

At Tri-Meet At Kibbe Gymnasium...

AHS Gymnasts Dominate Hampshire Regional And Chicopee Comp

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' gymnastics team began defense of its 1997 Western Mass. crown Tuesday afternoon in a tri-meet at Kibbe gymnasium. They took top honors with 120.00 points. Hampshire Regional was second with 104.70. Chicopee Comp came in at 104.60.

The all-around title went to Agawam's All-Western Mass. performer Lindsey Hadden with a 29.25. She showed well again despite problems with her right knee, which had to be iced down and wrapped during the competition. "I've had three surgeries on it to this point. It doesn't bother me that much, but the ice helps," she said.

Lisa Marsh, the co-captain along with Hadden, registered a 27.80, taking third in the all-around competition. "It was a good first meet for us. We were all a little nervous at the beginning, but as the meet went on, everyone took care of business," the senior noted.

Locals Dominate Every Event

Agawam dominated every event. Freshman Sara Tremblay won the vault with an extremely difficult front handspring into a reverse twist. She did it twice because her first try saw the kid partially miss the landing mat and hit the hard gym floor.

Slightly sore, she nailed her second attempt, scoring a 27.8. Hadden took a third in the event with an 8.0. Also showing well for the Brownies in the vault were sophomore Elizabeth Clark with a 7.70 (fifth) and Marsh (sixth) at 7.60. Both did front handsprings.

The bars saw Agawam's All-Western Mass. sophomore Leila Sekkal grab first with a 7.85. Sekkal addressed the low bar from underneath. She went up to a handstand on it, leapt to the upper bar, and did a giant swing back to the low bar. Then she swung again to the upper bar and nailed a somersault landing.

Hadden was second with a 7.7. Part of her routine included a giant swing on the upper bar

and a back somersault landing. Senior Amanda Peters was third with a mark of 7.1. She is strong and athletic and showed it with a leap to the low bar and another leap to the upper bar. Her landing was right on off a front flip.

Also showing well for Agawam was sophomore Elizabeth Clark, who displayed an energetic routine on both the upper and lower bars and scored a 6.70 for fourth place.

Brownies Take Two of Three In Beam

The most dangerous discipline of all, the beam, saw the Brownies take two of the top three spots. Sekkal was first with an 8.25. She did a split to a handstand mount and followed that with a backflip, two splits off jumps, a back handspring, a pirouette, and a front-flip dismount.

Marsh, with a 7.30, was third. Peters scored a 7.0. Her springboard mount turned into a twist on her back, three hops, a reverse, plus a back tumble into another hop and twist. Her dismount was a front somersault. Hadden came in with a 6.65.

The most elegant of the four events is the floor. Agawam took first and third. Sekkal, who won the top spot with an 8.15, tantalized the fans when her turn came. The sophomore dragged an additional mat to the far end of the exercise area and carefully positioned it. Then, to the deep beat of her music, flipped across the mat and executed a twisting double flip onto the extra mat. That move, by itself, was good enough for a first place finish.

She got high on all her jumps in a routine that was flamboyant. A back and front flip medley into a knee drop ended her performance.

Tremblay, with a 7.60, took third place. Her routine was acrobatic with flips and handsprings, both forward and backward. Hadden and Marsh each scored a 6.90. Marsh worked to a Spanish beat. Her formal training as a dancer showed through with intricate steps melting into cartwheels, twirls, and flips, along with a handstand. It was an airy performance.

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S 1998 girls' varsity soccer team: front row - Assistant Coach Lisa Tasone, Kornelia Moysis, Alison Jackobek, Laura Bucalo, Jessica Dutton (captain), Franca Bonavita, Kara Tierney, Melissa Cote, and Head Coach Mary Murray; back row - Amanda Tilden, Pam Gervais, Marie Buendo, Elise Alfano, Sheri Benton, Dianna DiStefano, Kerry McGeoghan, Jen Lyman, Courtney Adamczyk, Jill Gendron, Ann Paquette, Katie Shannon, Gina Loudfoot, and Amanda Merola. Advertiser

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In Schoolgirl Soccer Action...

Brownies Clobber Visiting Chicopee, Then Fall To Terriers At West Side

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Forget about Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities." How about Murray's a tale of two days?

We're talking about the Agawam High girls' soccer team and their performance last Friday as opposed to the one they turned in this past Monday evening.

Indeed, they were the best of times and the worst of times. On Friday at Harmon Smith Field, they beat up on Chicopee, 6-2. Then on Monday evening, archrival West Springfield High beat the visiting Brownies, 2-0.

"I tell my team, you have to play 80 minutes of soccer. If you don't, you're in trouble," Agawam Coach Mary Murray sighed after the West Side loss. "We did show up for the Chicopee game, though," she smiled.

The Pacers never had a chance last Friday. Agawam came out snorting fire behind a host of players determined to play some offense from the get-go. Gina Loudfoot, Dianna DiStefano, Jen Lyman, Jill Gendron, and Courtney Adamczyk led the way.

The Brownies had the best of it through the early going. They were sharp in their passing lanes and crisp with their tackling. Several times, they had opportunities to score. One shot went over the crossbar of an empty Chicopee net. Another hit the post. A nice cross from Lyman to Gendron just missed a foot to the right.

Brownies Find Their Mark

With 19 minutes gone, the Brownies finally found their mark. Gendron hit from the right side of the box, 20 feet out. The assist went to Adamczyk. Gendron would have two goals on the afternoon. Adamczyk would contribute with a goal and two assists.

Chicopee rallied and swarmed around the Brownie net with 17:50 on the clock. Agawam keeper Franca Bonavita made a scrambling save on one hard drive. Twenty seconds later, however, the Pacers scored off another scramble, making it 1-1.

For a time, both clubs seemed to take it down a notch. With 10 minutes left in the half, Adamczyk made a rush down the left-wing off a pass from Ann Paquette. Adamczyk had an open lane and took her shot from 20 feet away. The ball skidded under the belly of Chicopee keeper Amy Cloutier, making it 2-1, Brownies.

Forty-two seconds later, Gendron accepted a pass in the crease from Paquette, executed a nifty spin move on her defender, and fired for Agawam's third score.

Chicopee recorded its second goal with 6:41 left. Meghan St. Pierre, despite a tough defensive effort by sweeper Sheri Benton, managed to loft one from 25 yards out that sailed over Bonavita's head.

The half ended, 3-2, Agawam. The Brownies had nine shots on net. Chicopee came in with nine as

well.

With 2:20 gone in the second half, a nice job of passing between Lyman, Gendron, and Amanda Tilden saw the ball on the toe of Loudfoot. The junior sent it home from right out in front. Lyman got the assist.

Locals On A Roll

The Brownies were on a roll now. Eight minutes later, Paquette took a pass from Adamczyk and launched from 20 feet in front of the Pacer net, raising the Agawam lead to 5-2. The Agawam defense, led by Kornelia Moysis, Elise Alfano, and Melissa Cote along with Marie Buendo, were completely shutting down the Pacers by now.

At the 21:51 mark, Lyman hooked one into the low left-hand corner from 40 feet out off an assist from Buendo. There would be no more scoring. The Brownies mopped up for their second win of the season against two losses and a tie. Agawam had eight second-half shots for a game total of 17. The Pacers (0-3) had no shots on the Agawam net, which was manned in the second 40 minutes by sophomore Laura Bucalo, for a total of nine.

The team that showed up against Chicopee was nowhere to be seen in the West Springfield game. "We played like it was Monday and no one was awake yet. We get into a hole and can't get out," Murray observed.

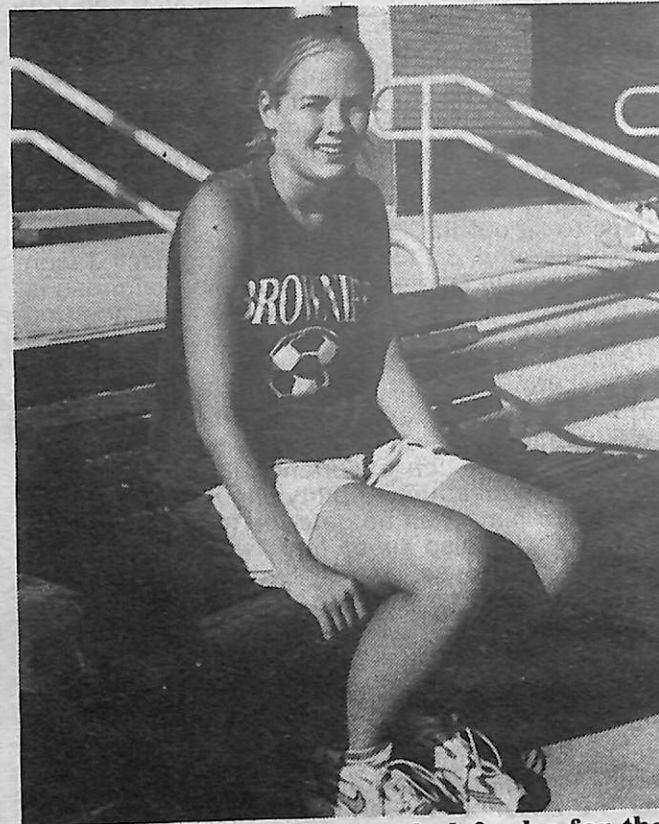
Agawam dug the hole early in this one against a team that was 0-2-1 at the time. On what in baseball would be considered a routine pop-up, the Terriers' Amy Osetek lofted the ball from the right wing about 25 yards out. It sailed dreamily over goalie Franca Bonavita's head for West Side's first goal.

West Side Takes 2-Goal Lead

You would think a deal like that might wake up the Brownies, especially in a rivalry with the intensity of this one. Not so. Just under three minutes later at 36:21, Sarah Pope was the recipient of a crossing pass from Jen Donohue in the right corner. Pope popped it past Bonavita from 10 feet in front, making it 2-0.

The remainder of the first half and the game for Agawam was akin to running in glue. West Side was quicker to the ball and more aggressive on defense. The Brownies could never get a consistent or cohesive attack going. What offense they did muster came in spurts by Jen Lyman, Amanda Tilden, Gina Loudfoot, and a few others. In their desperation to light some kind of fire, Agawam incurred a bunch of offside calls throughout the game.

After the first "look-what-I-found goal" and the second Terrier score, the Agawam defense, led by Melissa Cote, Kerry McGeoghan, Kara Tierney, Kate Shannon, and others, didn't play all that badly. The Brownies just spent too much time fighting off the Terriers in their own zone to be



MELISSA COTE is a tough defender for the AHS girls' soccer team. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

able to concentrate all that much on offense.

Agawam, which fell to 2-3, had seven first-half shots on goal and six in the second. Most of those shots, however, were from long-range with a West Side defender usually all over the shooter. The Terriers had three and four for a total of seven and went to 1-2-1.

At the time, Murray harbored some serious concern. "We have to get things together. Our league opener is this Wednesday (presstime) at Minnechaug. Playing out there has never been easy for us."

BROWNIE NOTES: Goals and assists against Chicopee - (Gendron, 2 goals; Adamczyk, 1 goal, 2 assists; Loudfoot, 1 goal; Paquette, 1 goal, 2 assists; Lyman, 1 goal, 1 assist; Buendo, 1 assist).

Star of the Chicopee game goes to **COURTNEY ADAMCZYK**. Her goal and two hustling assists show a sophomore that is on the verge of some big numbers. After the game, she had two goals and five assists for the young season.

Even though no one scored for the Brownies against West Side, the star goes to junior defender **KERRY MCGEOGHAN**. McGeoghan played as aggressively as the Terrier attackers.

*Girls' Volleyball...***AHS Gains Confidence & Experience In Close Contest Vs Lancers**by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For just a moment Tuesday afternoon, it looked as if the neophyte Agawam High girls' volleyball team might win its first match. They had visiting Longmeadow all tied at one game apiece before falling 8-15, 16-14, 8-15 to run their record to 0-3.

In the first game, the Lancers built a 9-0 lead before the Brownies got it in gear behind senior Nina Kovig, who has a sidewinder serve and got her team on the board with two points. Agawam managed two more points on the strength of Amanda Brown's service game.

The score stood at 10-6 after the service game of Juliana Batista, an exchange student from Brazil. The senior is considered the team's best player. To that point, Agawam had outscored the Lancers, 6-1.

However, Longmeadow's experience carried the first game as they ran off five straight points despite some good defensive efforts by Batista, Barbara Maloni, and Brown.

The Lancers went up 4-0 in the second game. Agawam got on the board on Konig's serve, making it 4-1. Three points on their serve saw the Lancers take an 8-3 lead. They went up 9-3 before the Brownies began their charge.

Batista calmly recorded four points on her serve. Maloni helped out with a big block during that run. Junior Tammy Norton served up another point for the Brownies, making it 9-8, Longmeadow. The Lancers went up 10-8.

Locals Tie It With Four Straight

Then Agawam, which found itself down 12-8, came back to tie it at 12-all with four straight points off the serve of freshman Hilary Golas and some great defense again from Maloni, Batista, and Brown. That particular rally was the highlight of the second game.

The Lancers got nothing on their next service try. Agawam, however, managed two more points when they had the ball, one of them coming on a big spike by Brown. Agawam was up 14-12 and leading for the first time in the match.

The Lancers tied it at 14, then lost their serve. Agawam, behind Brown's serve, grabbed two points to win the second game, 16-14, which caused a mini-celebration among the Agawam players.

Longmeadow went up 6-0 in the rubber game of the match before the Brownies scored two, making it 6-2. Agawam then matched points with the visitors. The score stood at 9-5 when service games by Shelly Rose (one point) and Batista (two points) brought the Brownies to within one at 9-8. But that would be the end of the run.

The Lancers' veteran senior, Nichole Holquin, would serve up the next six points for her club, giving the Lancers a 15-8 win and the match.

"I told my kids to just go out there and have fun after the first game. They did and tied it up. They are gaining experience every time they play. The win will come, no doubt about it," Brownie volleyball Coach Pat Demers smiled.

Three-Way Tie For First Place In Tri-Parish Bowling

As of Monday, September 14th, there was a three-way tie for first place in the Tri-Parish Bowling League, with Catholic University, St. Anselm's, and Holy Cross in the lead with 3-1 records each.

St. Mary's, Boston College, and Fordham were next at 2-2 each, while St. Louis, Georgetown, and Notre Dame lined the cellar with identical standings of 1-3.

For the men, high scores were turned in by BILL "Black and Blue" GRAY (138 single string, 373 triple string), "Luscious" LOU MULDER (130 single, 352 triple), GLEN "Not Sam" ADAMS (122, 348), "Scary" LARRY VIENS (126, 335), "Big Bad" JOHN MLINEK (126, 321), "Ritchie" RIC SNYDER (122), and "Loopy" LARRY VIENS (117).

Not to be outdone by their male competitors and teammates, the ladies of the lane bowled pretty impressive games, too. Among them were "Testy" BETSY CANNON (110 single string, 319 triple string), "Merry" TERRY CERPOVICZ (117 single, 314 triple), "The Mighty" DEBBIE POIRIER (118, 312), JAN "No Flash-In-The-Pan" FULLER (113, 304), CORI "The Story" NAPOLITAN (107, 299), MAUREEN "The Brave" LYNCOSKY (113), and last but certainly not least, the wily veteran of the lanes, JEAN BUONICONTI (107).

The high-game team was Catholic University (517), and its members also contributed the week's high triple (1,474).

"When Is The Sun Coming Back???"...

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S varsity boys' soccer team is anxious to return to the field after being "rained out" this week. Standing: Head Coach Dwight Northrup, Joe DiVirgilio, Rich Rodriguez, Barry Ward, Peter Bitas, Brad Theriaque, Dave Thomas, Dave Federico, Brian Machos, Jonathan Ashwell, and Umberto Santaniello; kneeling - Jay Flood, Dave Gallerani, Brian Lopes, Jack Pearson, Derek Mercadante, John DeCaro, Tim Faust, Adam Blair, and Dan Balbony. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The Freshman & JV Girls' Soccer Teams...

AGAWAM HIGH'S freshman girls' soccer team: back row - Coach Mike Dobise, Karen Comee, Jacky Sapelli, Brittany Shields, Lucy Young, Monica Davilli, Kristina Midura, Kelly Cassidy, Sarah Leydon, Kyleigh Egan, and Eliza Dickman; middle row - Kristen Berry, Emily Morton, Danya Decoteau, Katie Feato, Erin Gloster, Jenna Shea, Julia Spear, Rachel Caruso, and Jackie Bennett; front row - Elizabeth Perry and Melissa Jubinville. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN LEFT PHOTO: The leaders of the AHS junior varsity girls' soccer team (from left to right): co-captain Kristen Lawson, Coach Kunasek, Assistant Coach Bitsacos, and co-captain Raquel Rodriques. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Pioneer Valley Soccer Round-Up

U14 Girls - "Agawam Tigers"

The U14 Agawam Tigers posted two more shutouts in most recent action in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League girls' Division I. The Tigers are now 3-2-1 in this very tough league and are 9-5-1 overall for the entire season.

Although the Tigers deposited another shutout against league rival Westfield last Saturday at Westfield's North Field, they failed to put one in themselves and settled for a disappointing 0-0 tie. Neither team played well, although Agawam had three excellent chances to score off Ellen Rannenberg's corner kicks in the second half.

Westfield controlled some periods of play midway through the final 30 minutes, including their best chance to score when a shot grounded just past the left post. Goalie Vicky Taylor performed admirably for the locals, especially during two anxious moments in the opening half.

As lackluster as their performance was against Westfield, the Tigers sparked in an important victory over Wilbraham on Monday evening, September 21st, by a 2-0 count. Wilbraham was a playoff team last spring, finishing fourth behind the third-place Tigers.

The tone was set after Wilbraham missed two golden chances to take the early advantage. The first came on a 30-yard direct kick that hit the crossbar; the second came moments later when the visitors failed to convert on a penalty shot following a takedown in the box.

With 20 minutes left in the half and all the way until about 10 minutes left in the game, the Tigers dominated play. They drew first blood when wing Kaitlin Sardella grounded a shot from 20 yards out that the goalie made a diving save on. But opposite wing Jen Sharpe was there to tap in the rebound for her third tally of the season.

This same duo hooked up again for the important insurance goal midway through the second half when Kaitlin split two defenders and half-volleyed a shot that whacked off the crossbar, and the rebound was headed in by Jen for her fourth goal of the campaign.

Midfielders Meaghan Brown, Whitney Brown, Melissa Savenko, Ellen Rannenberg, Aimee Beaudette, and Sabrina Brizzolari played their best league game of the season as a unit. The strong fullback line of Danielle Cirillo, Tricia Fitchben, Sherri Laskowski, and sweeper Kim Hoague were tough as nails, and first-half goalie

Vicky Taylor and second-half goalie Sherri Laskowski each had their moments. Wilbraham pressed to the end, but Agawam nailed down their ninth shutout in its last 12 games. Also supporting the win for Agawam were forward Kelly Reilly and midfielder Victoria Ruhl.

U10 Girls - "Agawam Twisters"

Two tough games were on the schedule for the girls' U10 Agawam Twisters of the Pioneer Valley Soccer League last weekend.

On Saturday, the girls travelled to Westfield for a game against the Westfield Whips and were shut out by a score of 2-0.

On Sunday, the girls turned it around and stepped up their play to defeat the Northampton Banhees by a score of 2-1. The Twisters' scoring came in the first half, with a goal by Stephanie Obue and an assist from Christina Bertrand. The Twisters' second goal was scored by Cassie Ashwell, whose corner kick landed squarely in the net.

Agawam U10 Boys' Soccer Standings

TEAMS	W	L	T	P
Morassi Rockets (52)	3	0	0	6
Gonyeau Invaders (53)	2	1	0	4
Goncalves Agawam Spirit (56)	2	1	0	4
Kopyscinski Blue Jays (54)	2	0	0	4
Vershon Blackhawks (51)	1	1	1	3
Parent White Sharks (59)	1	1	1	3
Mongeau Yellow Jackets (57)	1	2	0	2
Lane Blue Falcons (55)	0	3	0	0
Walsh Orange Crush (58)	0	3	0	0

Agawam U12 Boys' Soccer Standings

TEAMS	W	L	T	P
Sadowski's Attack (72)	2	0	1	5
Little (73)	2	1	1	5
Noysis Bulldogs (74)	1	1	1	3
Nawskon Killer Bees (75)	1	1	1	3
Prisby Flames (71)	0	3	0	0

Agawam Soccer Assoc. Standings (As Of 9/20)

UNDER 17 COED TEAMS	W	L	T	P
Spear's Red	2	0	0	6
Comee's Green	1	1	0	3
Kelly's Blue	1	1	0	3
Campana's Orange	0	2	0	0

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A.S.A. In-Town Soccer Standings

U-10 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Wood's Royal Blue	3	0	1	10
Marsh's Black	3	1	0	9
Maloney's Light Blue	2	0	1	7
Pfau's Maroon	1	1	1	4
Brewster's Green	1	2	0	3
Olson's Gold	1	2	0	3
Prout's Navy Blue	1	1	0	3
Morace's Orange	0	2	1	1
Ruhl's Red	0	2	0	0

U-12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
LaVally's Green	3	0	0	9
Lyman's Gold	2	1	0	6
Rollins' Royal Blue	2	1	0	6
Gould's Navy Blue	1	2	0	3
Zmaczynski's Orange	1	2	0	3
Morace's Red	0	3	0	0

U-14 COED	W	L	T	P
Fournier's Red	3	0	0	9
Adams' Orange	2	1	0	6
Heneghan's Navy Blue	2	1	0	6
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Vinton's Gold	0	4	0	0

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Golf Tip Of The Week...

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Don't Fight Your Natural Tendency...

There are many players who don't have the time to correct a hooking or slicing problem. These players should turn the problem into an asset by understanding it, then using it on the course.

My suggestion starts at the driving range. Pick a target — a bush, tree, or yardage marker — and count the number of shots hit to the right and the number hit to the left of it.

Riverside's Champs Reflect On '98 Season

As the NASCAR Winston Racing Series wrapped up another exciting season at short tracks around the country, Riverside Park Speedway's champions reveled in their 1998 accomplishments against some impressive competition.

With the addition of the Figure 8, Super Stock, and Mini Stock divisions, a total of 66 different drivers reached Victory Lane in 96 NASCAR feature races.

"I'm real happy and excited," said newly crowned NAPA Modified Champion Jimmy Broderick. "They (Riverside Park) went out of their way with extra distance races and twin 35's," said Broderick about Riverside Park's 1998 NASCAR Winston Racing Series schedule. With two wins in 21 starts this season, Broderick finished fourth in the NASCAR Winston Racing Series New England Regional standings.

Broderick, who is planning to compete in each of the three remaining Featherlite Modified Series events in 1998, gives full credit to his crew for his accomplishments. "The team got me to the Big Dance last year, and the team got me here this year," Broderick will receive \$10,000 at Riverside Park Speedway's banquet on January 9, 1999.

Also reaching another milestone in 1998 was Suffield, Connecticut's Eddy Carroll III, who wrapped up his third consecutive Pro Stock Championship on September 5th. Carroll also earned another prestigious honor — the 1998 NASCAR Winston Shorttrack Series New England Regional Championship. Carroll, who earned four wins in 19 starts in 1998, will be presented with a trophy at the NASCAR Winston Racing Series Banquet in Nashville, Tennessee.

"We've had a tremendously competitive season in each of our divisions," stated Joe Lewandoski, Riverside Park Speedway's Director of Auto Racing. "I feel that we did all we could to support our competitors each week," continued Lewandoski. "It's nice to see our efforts result in a NASCAR Regional Championship for Eddy Carroll III and a season full of excitement for our competitors and fans."

Supporting the weekly competitors has been a hallmark of the 1998 racing program at Riverside Park Speedway. The 50 year-old, one-quarter mile track will pay out a total of \$87,300 in Point Fund awards at its banquet. In addition, Riverside Park Speedway paid out a \$45,000 purse for its Triple 50's Summertime Madness event on July 21st, \$6,000 in bonuses for the Budweiser Triple Crown Series, and \$5,000 in bonuses to all the drivers in the new Teddy Bear Pools Truck division that attempted to qualify for each race.

Another memorable accomplishment was the crowning of two female drivers as Champions in 1998. Northford, Connecticut's Cheryl Reilly captured the Mini Stock crown and Betty Anne Dobosz of Windsor Locks, Connecticut joined Reilly in the history books by winning the Figure 8 Division Title.

"It feels really great," said Dobosz. "I haven't come off my cloud yet!" Dobosz, who is planning to compete in the Sportsman Division at Riverside Park in 1999, said the Figure 8 Division was a great addition to Riverside Park's Saturday night racing program. "It adds a little spice to just circles, and it adds a little challenge," said Dobosz.

NASCAR Racing returns to Riverside Park for the Enfield Pontiac 400 on November 1st. Qualifying for the eight-division show will take place on October 31st. Modifieds and SK Modifieds will headline the event with 100 and 75 lap features, along with Pro Stocks, Trucks, Sportsman, Super Stocks, "Outlaw" Late Models, and "Outlaw" Mini Stocks.

You will then find not only your natural tendency, but also the approximate distance to allow for it on the course.

This week's golf tip will conclude my series for 1998. As always, the summer months have flown right by us. October and November will have its share of good golf days, so hopefully you will keep swinging until the snow flies.

My special thanks to Ric Sardella of the AAN for allowing me the space in his newspaper the past 25 weeks for my golf tips. Somewhere throughout the course of my golf tips, I hope at least one tip had a positive effect on your game.

I look forward to coming to all of the AAN readers once again with my golf tips in 1999. So again, keep swinging and enjoy the remainder of 1998.



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American Lung Assoc. Holds Golf Tournament...



THE WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER of the American Lung Association held its annual fundraising golf tournament at Oak Ridge Golf Club earlier this month. Among the competitors were James Lewis, Wayne Macey, Gerald O'Keefe, and Richard Conlon.

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AT THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION'S golf tournament at Oak Ridge Golf Club: Mono Strycharz, Tony Strycharz III, Mario Sakellis (Director of the Association's Western Massachusetts Chapter), Bob Suchecki, Nick Strycharz, and Fran Maloney.

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COMPETING IN COMFORT AND STYLE: Participants in the American Lung Association's golf tournament took advantage of the "club cars" that were available for use at Oak Ridge Golf Club.

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HOW MANY "BOGEYS" DID YOU MAKE??? Bill Strycharz, Melanie Moore, Mike Drewnowski, Paul Wollenberg, and Bob Loizzo at the golf tournament to benefit the American Lung Association's Western Massachusetts Chapter.

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**Outdoors
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by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Fish In The Fall - Where To Find Them

In order to score consistently when fishing in the fall, the angler has to realize the reasons that the fish will concentrate in certain parts of a lake, pond, or river.

Cooler temperatures and shortened daylight hours are major factors. Boat traffic or the lack of it is another influencing factor on normally busy locations.

All fish are considered to be cold-blooded; that is, they do not have a mechanism to regulate body temperature. Their body temperature and their metabolic or activity rate are dependent on the water temperature.

On any given body of water, there is apt to be a variation in surface and sub-surface temperature in different portions of the lake. (Rivers are not as apt to be as affected due to the flow of water.)

Find the warmer water and you are apt to find more active fish. As the temperature of the water begins to fall, the smart angler must slow down the presentation of the lures or baits. When a fish's body temperature cools down due to the colder water, its activity level also drops.

Fish are generally divided into two categories; cold water species and warm water species. Trout, salmon, and the like are considered cold water fish. Their ideal temperature range is geared to cooler water than the warm water fish such as bass, pickerel, and most pan fish.

The good news for the fall angler is that as the bass slow their activity in the fall, the trout respond to the slightly cooler water by spending more time in the upper column of water, and therefore, are more accessible.

Between hunting trips this fall, when you venture on the water, a good tool to take is a thermometer. By comparing water temperatures in various parts of the lake, you can take advantage of areas that harbor more active (catchable) fish.

FISH REPORT FRESH WATER

Hampton Ponds and Congamond Lakes both report low angler pressure. Both lakes are similar and what works at one will usually work at the other. Trout are being taken trolling in the early morning and evening hours. Small spoons and spinners are accounting for most of the trout.

Connecticut River fishermen below the Holyoke Dam have been scoring on numerous smallmouth bass and an occasional walleye. Crank baits worked very slowly outside of the weedlines have been productive.

Above the Holyoke Dam, the river itself, along with the Oxbow section are producing some decent northern pike action. The mid-summer pattern of using fast-moving buzz baits, has come and gone. Slower moving lures such as spinnerbaits and crank baits are now producing.

SALT WATER

Stripers continue to be found everywhere along the coast with flyrodders having a ball on schoolies. Some larger bass are mixed in. Surf fishermen will start benefitting from the annual fall migration of stripers and blues as the months of October and November arrive.

Blackfish are being found in spotty fashion along the Connecticut and Rhode Island coast. Look for rocky areas and submerged mussel beds. Green crabs are the perennial favorite. Porgies are being taken off of most of the reefs in Long Island Sound.

Offshore tuna fishing has been spotty at best, but recent reports indicate an improving trend. The daytime chunk bite has not materialized as of yet, but the night bite is improving. Sharking has been fairly consistent. Mostly blue sharks have been taken, however, an occasional mako or thresher is hooked, making for an interesting outing.

New Officials Sought For Hampden County Women's Basketball

The Hampden County Board of Women's Basketball Officials is looking for new officials for the upcoming 1998-1999 basketball season. If you are interested, contact Bob Clark at 569-3398 or Jon Ferris at 786-9459.

Volleyball Skills Program To Begin At Spfld. Turnverein

A volleyball skills development program for youths will be starting on Friday, October 16th, at the Springfield Turnverein.

The program will run for nine weeks and will focus on the fundamentals of volleyball. The basics of setting, passing, blocking, serving, and hitting will be taught. In addition to learning individual skills, the players will also put their skills to use in team play.

This nine-week program will be offered at no charge, but you must register before October 16th (the number of applications to this program may be limited due to court size, so early registration is advised). The program is open to any Junior High or High School students, and it will run on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

A registration form may be picked up at the Springfield Turnverein on Thursday evenings (after 8:00 p.m.) in the gym.

The Springfield Turnverein is located on Garden Street in Feeding Hills (just off Route 57).

Annual Cheerleader Golf Tourney Slated For Sat., October 17th

The annual Agawam Cheerleader Golf Tournament Fundraiser has been scheduled for Saturday, October 17th, beginning with a shotgun start at 12:00 noon at Oak Ridge Country Club.

The entry fee is \$50 per person, which includes a cookout, raffle prizes, and contests such as "closest to the pin" and "longest drive."

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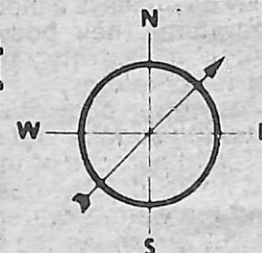
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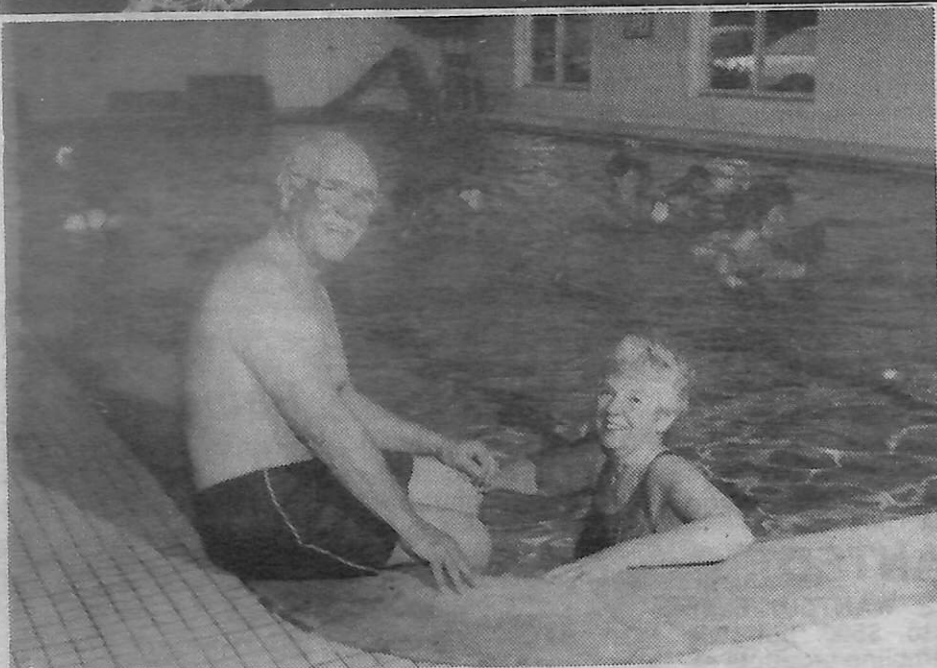
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